

Smash the Lewis-Woll Conspiracy

An Editorial

THE move of John L. Lewis "to return to the AFL" is part of a serious conspiracy against the American labor movement.

It is part of a long-range, carefully calculated plot to use the labor movement for the overthrow of the war leadership of President Roosevelt.

Lewis' assault on the no-strike pledge of Labor was repulsed. Finding himself in growing isolation, exposed as a saboteur of national unity, Lewis is now acting to retrieve his losses, and return to the attack.

In this, he is getting the active help of the Matthew Woll-Hutcheson forces of the AFL who have been conspiring with him for months, who now rush to save him from total defeat and collaborate with him in a new, greater conspiracy along the same lines as the criminal coal strike.

Cynically, this latest intrigue is advertised as "unity." Hitler boasts in the same vein that he is bringing "unity" to Europe. Unity today can only be won by the most ruthless, uncompromising struggle against the latest Lewis-Woll-Hutcheson "unity" hoax behind which looms one of the deadliest pieces of sabotage the Labor movement and the nation has yet faced in this anti-Hitler war.

UNITY is based on common interests, common views, common aims. Labor's unity must be fought for and won on the basis of the earliest victory over the Axis, on unity behind the war leadership of the Commander-in-Chief Roosevelt, on unity against the Fifth Column and those who sabotage the war economy by profiteering and inflation.

The "unity" which Lewis-Woll-Hutcheson now dangle before Labor with Machiavellian smirks and hypocritical phrases is steeped in hatred of the Roosevelt-Labor coalition, in hatred of FDR's policy of alliance with Britain and the Soviet Union. It rests on a secret determination to undermine the Roosevelt-Churchill decision to crush the Axis in alliance with the Soviet Union and accept nothing less than unconditional surrender.

LINKED to the Lewis-Woll-Hutcheson drive, on the one hand, are the professional Soviet-haters, Dubinsky and his associates, and, on the other hand, the vilest, pro-fascist Herbert Hoover-America First defeatist forces in the Republican Party.

The central aim of this anti-Roosevelt coalition is to prolong the war by making impossible the Second Front invasion of Europe, and thus prepare the way for a negotiated peace with Nazi Germany. These forces believe that a negotiated peace, after a dragged-out war, is preferable to a Hitler defeat achieved in alliance with the Soviet Union and Britain.

The Lewis coal strike, the latest Senator Chandler insurrection in the Senate against the Roosevelt-Churchill strategy of defeating Hitler, the Dubinsky anti-Soviet incitements, are all inter-connected stages in this unfolding pattern of internal sabotage leading to a deal with Germany.

It was for this treasonable goal that Lewis launched his coal strike attack on the no-strike pledge given by the Labor movement and valiantly defended by CIO leader Philip Murray. To break the no-strike pledge would break Labor-Roosevelt win-the-war coalition; but to break this coalition would be to open the way for the return of the Hoover-Hearst-Coughlin leadership, and a Vichy America. Toward this, Lewis and his behind-the-scenes backers are aiming.

IN THE light of this development, it can now be seen that the recent vote of the AFL Executive Council re-affirming the no-strike pledge was nothing but a smoke-screen for the planned merging with the Lewis "to-hell-with-the-war" forces. The astounding statement of William Green that, despite the AFL no-strike pledge, each union can decide "for itself" whether it will strike or not is an admission of this double-dealing attitude toward the Government and the war which the Woll-Hutcheson gang has imposed on the AFL leadership.

Far-reaching national disruption is planned in the Lewis-Woll-Hutcheson maneuver. Gloatingly, the press already speaks of Lewis' "sympathizers" in the auto, textile and rubber unions on whom he counts to drag these unions into active collusion with the United States war effort, or else, to split internally into warring factions.

Who are these "sympathizers"? Walter Reuther, apostle of the Norman Thomas line that Labor has "exalted too much the idea of victory" over Hitler. And others like Reuther, who ran to cover under the recent Cleveland CIO conference's support for Murray, who await their opportunity to spread chaos and traitorous disruption in the very midst of the nation's struggle for survival.

THE fight for the defense of the American labor movement's integrity as an anti-fascist force is now on. Its unity and its welfare now depend on the relentless struggle not only against the brazen America Firstism of Lewis but also against the pseudo-"militant" underhanded treacheries of a Reuther, a Dubinsky.

The Lewis-Woll-Hutcheson gang must not be allowed to turn the labor movement into a tool of the Herbert Hoover-America First intrigue for the overthrow of the anti-Axis war leadership of the Roosevelt Administration.

No labor man can be silent or aloof in this fight on which America's future depends.

There is no AFL member or official, no central body or international, whose future is not at stake in this conspiracy.

There is no one, then, who can evade his responsibility in rousing the AFL membership to fierce struggle against the Lewis entry into the AFL. Lewis' entry into the AFL threatens to destroy the AFL as a patriotic win-the-war force; he brings with him disruption, and betrayal of the nation.

Let every patriotic AFL leader go to his membership! There he will find the support and the forces for his fight against the Lewis-Woll effort to betray Labor to defeatism.

The Lewis-Woll-Hutcheson conspiracy now makes more urgent than ever the active collaboration of the patriotic forces in the AFL and CIO. Upon these AFL-CIO forces rests the responsibility of protecting and strengthening the unity of the labor movement, for its economic welfare and the sake of the nation.

Partisan or factional considerations fade before the new plot to capture and corrupt the trade union movement with shameful Quislingism and Hooverism.

CIO Auto Chief Tells Strikers To Return

President R. J. Thomas of the United Automobile Workers yesterday issued an appeal to 22,000 workers made idle by walkouts at five Detroit plants to immediately return to their jobs and uphold labor's no-strike pledge.

The appeal, according to a spokesman of the UAW at Detroit who replied to a telephoned query from the Daily Worker, declared that the walkouts are not authorized.

Mr. Thomas noted that the workers at the affected plants have grievances which the War Labor Board was slow to take up, but he stressed that strikes interrupting war production cannot be tolerated.

When the Daily Worker called

William Z. Foster, Roy Hudson and George Morris discuss what is behind John L. Lewis' move to re-enter the AFL. See page 6.

On page 4, you'll find nationwide labor reactions to Lewis' strike prosecution policies.

Detroit, near press time, the walkout was still in effect.

Short stoppages at Detroit plants have not been an uncommon occurrence, but yesterday's walkouts, all at once at five plants, were the most serious since Pearl Harbor.

Spokesmen of the Chrysler Corp. claimed that 5,000 night shift workers at the firm's main Dodge plant, and 4,000 at the Jefferson-Kearfoglio plant joined some 13,000 day shift workers that had been out.

The new walkouts came in the face of an appeal by the War Labor Board to local officials of the Dodge and Jefferson-Kearfoglio plants to return to work.

Earl Reynolds, President of the Dodge local said he ordered the walkouts in protest against a company policy of hiring new workers at pay higher than those with seniority. The strike at the Jefferson-Kearfoglio plant was declared to be due to long delay by the WLB to name an umpire to settle disputed questions.

President Edward Cote of West Side Local 174, said the strike at the Kelsey-Hayes plant was not authorized.

Gov't to Honor Seamen on Maritime Day

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Marking a nationwide observance of National Maritime Day, eight Merchant Marine distinguished service medals will be awarded to merchant seamen in various parts of the United States, the Maritime Commission announced today.

Maritime Day, May 22, is devoted this year to recognition of the outstanding contribution to the Allied war effort which has been made by the merchant seamen who sail the ships of the merchant marine. The work these men are doing today is adding another glorious chapter to America's maritime history, a chapter which will remain a brilliant record when posterity counts its heroes.

At San Francisco, Calif., on May 22, Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the Maritime Commission and War Shipping Administrator, will present the Merchant Marine distinguished service medal to first mate George B. Allen, of Oakland, Calif. Allen, whose ship was torpedoed by a German submarine in the Atlantic, organized a rescue party which under difficult conditions succeeded in saving the lives of five crew members.

Rear Admiral Howard L. Vickery, chairman of the Maritime Commission, on May 21 will present two distinguished service medals to heroic merchant seamen at Boston, Mass.

Another double presentation will take place at the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N. Y., on May 22.

Litvinov Lands in Teheran

TEHRAN, Iran, May 20 (UP).—Maxim Litvinov, Soviet Ambassador to Washington, arrived here today by plane from Cairo en route to Moscow.

Gain on Attu; Bomb Berlin; Soviet Guns Pound Nazis

Big Demonstration Against Nazis in Athens

ISTANBUL, May 20 (ICN).—Big anti-German demonstrations took place last week in Athens, Larissa and Patras, information from there reveals. The occupation authorities arrested 200 demonstrators in Athens.

Also more than 100 clergymen of the rural areas were imprisoned for preaching sermons during Easter in which they invoked imprecations on the "enemy who is devastating our country" and called for struggle.

In Karpenia, where the partisan movement is particularly widespread, the occupationists executed 15 hostages as a measure of intimidation.

Infuriated at these arbitrary measures, the population of Stambul revolted against the Italians and took power into their own hands. They dispersed the Italian units and arrested the Italian officers, one of whom was particularly notorious for his brutality and was executed.

German aircraft bombed the island then landed German troops to suppress the revolt. Twenty-three participants in the revolt were shot on the spot and 100 persons were taken to Greece.

Lewis Men Spread Strikes, 7,000 Out

Strikes at Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky bituminous coal mines spread yesterday to involve nearly 7,000 miners despite John L. Lewis' "truce" that is supposed to hold to May 31.

At Washington Solid Fuels Administrator Harold Ickes

expressed a hope that the mine workers would "keep their word" and stay on the job.

Formally, the strikes appeared to be on local initiative. Actually, however, local action without at least unofficial approval by Lewis machine men is hardly possible in the United Mine Workers.

Strikes involved some 6,000 at Western Pennsylvania and Central Pennsylvania fields; the 733 workers of the Willow Grove mine of the Hanna Coal Co., near St. Clairsville, Ohio, and a small group at Twiss, Harlan County, Ky.

Don Glingery, the government's regional bituminous manager for the Central Penna. fields, called a conference of representatives of the coal association and the UMWA, District 2, in an effort to reopen the closed mines.

The War Labor Board, in the meantime, is arranging to make known the report of its panel some time before next Monday.

82,000 Homeless As Floods Rise

(By United Press)

Flooded rivers and streams in a 300-mile-wide area of the Midwest became surging inland lakes Thursday pouring their burdens southward toward the Mississippi where rising waters threatened to wash out all levees between St. Louis and Cape Girardeau.

The flood crest of the Missouri, fed by the Osage River, flowed toward the Mississippi below St. Louis, and Verne Alexander, regional hydrological officer at Kansas City, said if the gauge on the Mississippi below the Missouri's mouth went above the expected 37-foot mark, the levees on the big river would be wiped out as far south as Cape Girardeau.

Meanwhile, the Mississippi above St. Louis was about to receive the flood crest in the Illinois River which was receiving flood crests from the Sangamon and scores of smaller streams. The Washburn River, flooding Indiana flatlands, was dumping its load into the Ohio.

"The AFL executive council

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At the Next 'Daily' Council

A unique feature will highlight the Daily Worker Council meeting of next Thursday night, May 27, it was learned yesterday. The chief subject of discussion will be the proposals made from time to time by the council for the improvement of the Daily Worker. Alan Max, assistant managing editor, will lead the discussion on this topic.

Very seldom have delegate bodies joined in editorial criticism of a daily newspaper. But that's what will take place in Webster Hall Thursday night. The executive committee of the council urges the same good attendance as marked last month's meeting.

Smash Forts at Novorossisk, Leningrad

LONDON, May 20 (UP).—Soviet spokesmen reported heavy activity by its artillery today in the Kuban, west of Rostov and on the Leningrad Front and intensified scouting actions, designed to obtain information of enemy preparations, in the Ilyum sector of the Donets Front and the Velikie Luki area on the Northwestern Front.

(Nazi news agencies repeated again today their stories of heavy Red Army attacks in four important areas of the Eastern Front. Their stories are without confirmation from Moscow.)

Northeast of Novorossisk, the Soviet news communiqué said, artillerymen destroyed two German observation posts and five blockhouses and silenced four artillery and 12 trench mortar batteries, including two batteries of six-barreled mortars. It said that Red Air Force pilots had shot down three German planes.

A United Press Moscow dispatch said that the Germans were making as many as 1,500 plane sorties a day in the Kuban trying to gain aerial supremacy and that they were losing an average of 30 to 40 planes a day.

The noon communiqué said that the Leningrad bombardment Red Army guns destroyed eight German blockhouses, five dugouts, two guns and 14 supply trucks and blew up an ammunition dump. Eight German planes were shot down at the approaches to Leningrad, the communiqué said.

Two scouting parties in the Ilyum sector captured a German fortified height and held it against two counterattacks, the noon communiqué said, and pounced on the Velikie Luki front penetrated to a German divisional headquarters and took two German staff officers prisoner.

Pacific Council Hears War Chiefs

WASHINGTON, May 20 (UP).—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill today gave the Pacific War Council a 90-minute review of the global war situation, but apparently did not disclose any plans for an immediate offensive against Japan.

The extraordinary meeting, also attended by Canadian Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, came 24 hours after Churchill promised Congress that the British will fight alongside the Americans until Japan's cities are reduced to ashes, but indicated that the basic Allied strategy of beating Hitler first has not been revised.

Council members said they received a "general picture" of the war. Their comments indicated that no specific plans for future action were unfolded.

Netherlands Ambassador Alexander Lounsdale said "the over-all picture looked optimistic."

Chinese Foreign Minister T. V. Soong was asked whether he felt more optimistic about the Pacific situation. He smiled and remarked, "I wish I could tell you."

Communist in PRM Poll for First Time

By Alfred Miller

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY. (By Mail—delayed).—For the first time in Mexico's political history, the government party of this country has accepted a Communist as "pre-candidate." This means that Dionisio Encina, general secretary of the Communist Party of Mexico who is running for Congress in the Second Electoral District of Coahuila, will participate in the primary elections of the Party of the Mexican Revolution (PRM) which were scheduled for May 16.

This seems to indicate further that the PRM has cast overboard certain aversions against accepting members of the Communist Party

into their ranks as Communists. In the past, Communists have been members of Congress and held municipal functions. But in every case, they were elected as members of trade unions or peasant organizations and participated as such in the PRM primaries.

Back in Coahuila, his home state, Dionisio Encina meanwhile is developing a mass campaign. Labor and agrarian organizations are strongly advocating his election.

Many of them as well as from other regions have sent letters like the following to the PRM president, Senator Antonio Villalobos, or to President Avila Camacho. The Union of

Road to Life Lies Over Nazi Corpses

By Ilya Ehrenburg

(Published in Red Star)

MOSCOW, May 20 (ICN).—The first sultry days are here, but nobody is deceived by the lull on the main line of resistance; the summer lies ahead and we know it is going to be a stormy one.

For Germany May was ushered in with a heavy blow. One of the German generals who surrendered to the Allies be-wailed his lot: "We are smashed and I haven't a single tank. . . . We saw those crocodile tears in Stalingrad."

WAR'S NO PICNIC

The Germans placed too much hope on their tanks and gave not a thought to the enemy's tanks. Now they see that war is no picnic.

While I am writing these lines our Allies are concerned with transporting their prisoners. The prestige of the German army has been struck a fresh blow, something even the dull-witted Prizms will not easily live down.

Last winter the following song was popular in Germany:

"Everything passes. After December comes May." Their dreams about May evidently helped to console the Prizms during the Stalingrad days. It is interesting whether this song is still remembered by the German generals waiting in the Tunis camps, or by the war prisoners.

Maybe Goebbels will compose a new couplet: "Everything passes. After May comes December. . . ."

However, no blows can bring Hitler to his senses. This maniac will gamble to the last. People of another mentality would in all probability have taken stock of the situation on seeing their stupid and impossible hopes crashing. But it is vain to expect the stardusted Fritz of being capable of any thought.

Let us recall that in the summer of 1918 the German army was advancing and from all appearances successfully; and then a few months later the German generals surrendered to the conquerors. Exhausted and bled white Germany still continued in the summer of 1918 to push forward without giving a thought as to direction and why she was doing so.

After Tunis the encirclement of Germany has grown more tangible

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Yanks Take Sarana Pass To Doom Foe

WASHINGTON, May 20

(UP).—American forces on Attu captured strategic Sarana Pass yesterday and penned the Japanese within the small isolated Chichagof Harbor area where they must die or surrender, the Navy reported today.

As the American soldiers drove the enemy deeper into the rocky trap at the eastern end of the island the guns of our light naval craft battered enemy troops and Army bombers hammered the harbor area, the communiqué said.

The battle was in its tenth day and there was every indication that our forces were poised for the knockout blow that will climax victoriously the first U. S. offensive in the North Pacific.

It was revealed that the airplanes landing strip in the Hots Bay area, reported big enough to accommodate bombers, is in American hands.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and the Navy said that the end of Japan's 11-month hold on the westernmost island of the Aleutians became a virtual certainty when the Americans, in swift succession, captured Hots Bay and Sarana Pass.

Use of bombers suggested the weather in this usually fog-bound battle-zone has cleared, something the American commanders had been hoping for. Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said earlier that one day of clear weather would be of "very great help" in breaking Japanese resistance.

Stimson told a press conference that American casualties have been relatively light, but "it is quite probable that some rather sharp fighting with heavier casualties may occur before operations are concluded." But he left no doubt that victory is at hand, with Japanese-held Kiska as the next objective.

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It Looks Like The Payoff on Attu

By a Veteran Commander

THE two American columns pinching off the eastern extremity of Attu Island seem to have effected a junction on the high ridge along the neck of land and now the Japanese are in a pocket on the shore of Chichagof Bay. The U.S. Navy stands off shore and completes the ring. The weather does not permit any air action for the time being. It is probable that the Japanese will resist to the bitter end, but their goose appears cooked.

On the War Fronts

There was a time when it could be expected that the enemy would send powerful naval reinforcements to break the stranglehold and the situation was tense, but now it would seem that such a danger has passed. Right now there are even indications that the Navy would welcome a showdown with the Japanese navy in these waters.

AMERICAN bombers raided Kiel in force, as well as the electric power stations at Flensburg. The objectives were left in flames. It is interesting to note again that enemy fighters refused to engage the American planes, six of which were downed by AA fire.

British and Canadian fliers raided the coastal areas of Western Europe.

New photographs of the damage wrought by the bombing of the Ruhr and Weser dams shows that the floods are spreading, with more than fifty cities and towns submerged.

AMERICAN bombers plastered Pantelleria and the harbor of Trapani in Sicily, while British planes concentrated on Calanissetta in central Sicily.

It has been announced that the Axis lost in the battle of Tunisia 324,000 men, of which 257,000 are prisoners. The enemy also lost 1,795 planes.

Thus "Tunisgrad" comes up to Stalingrad standards (with due allowance made for an entirely different strategic situation).

THE Germans publicize alleged Red Army offensives on four sectors of the front. It would seem that right now they are simply putting up a smoke-screen in order to be in a position to say that they have "repelled" these attacks.

The Soviet High Command does not mention any important action, except for a rather cryptic announcement that a concentration of enemy armor has been blasted to pieces by artillery fire and attack planes. This concentration may have been one of the nuclei of the impending German blow.

Bolivia Chief Pledges 'Fair' Deal for Labor

(The Worker Foreign Department)

General Enrique Penaranda, President of Bolivia, Wednesday night assured American trade union officials that exiled leaders of the Bolivian tin miners have been restored to their homes, and families of men killed in the December, 1942 strike are being indemnified.

The Bolivian president also promised that genuine collective bargaining would mark future relations between the tin miners and the owners. He further predicted that the Bolivian Congress, convening in August, would concern itself with improving the social and economic conditions of the miners upon whose output war efforts of the United States and her Allies depend.

General Penaranda for nearly two hours tonight at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel discussed Bolivian labor problems with delegations representing the CIO committee on Latin American Affairs and the Council for Pan-American Democracy.

Jacob S. Potofsky, general secretary of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers represented the CIO Latin American Affairs committee and Clifford T. McAvoy, chairman of the Council for Pan American Democracy headed this organization's delegation.

Others who saw the Bolivian vice-president of the United Retail Wholesale and Department Store Employees, CIO, who was the CIO's delegate on the government mission to Bolivia in February; Rudy Hanson, regional director of the Mine Mill and Smelter Workers, CIO and Ferdinand Smith, national secretary of the NMU.

Official Lists Arrests in India Struggle

London, May 20 (UP).—The great majority of civil prisoners in India were convicted of offenses growing out of the All-India Congress disturbances last August, L. S. Amery, British Secretary of State for India, reported in the House of Commons today.

Of the 34,898 prisoners in India as of March 1, excluding the north-west frontier provinces, 23,701 were convicted of offenses in connection with the disorders, he said. Similarly, Amery said, of the 11,622 persons "indefinitely detained," more than 8,000 were Congress members or sympathizers.

The colonial secretary remarked that there was no reason to suppose that there has been any "substantial" increase in the number of whipping sentences in India.

Highest Belgian Court Denounces Nazi Deportations

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

BERNE, May 20.—The Belgian Court of Appeals, many members of which had formerly supported the German occupation, has addressed a bitter protest to the German military commander, von Falkenhausen, against the conscription of Belgian labor for Germany. It is learned here:

"In all the municipalities of our country," the protest reads, "our compatriots are being torn away from their homes and forcibly shipped to Germany, to work for the German war effort. For the second time in a quarter of a century Germany is plunging the Belgian people into slavery."

"All of Belgium resounds with the stirring and tragic cries of suffering. The Belgian Court of Appeals, as the highest representative of the constitutional body on occupied territory, deems it its duty to solemnly expose the unjust and prepared for Belgium, and reminds that the measures taken are contrary not only to the decisions of the Hague Convention, but even contrary to the most elementary duty of conscience."

"The German decrees on labor conscription confronts thousands of Belgians with the necessity to do forcible labor, which they condemn for considerations of national duty, conscience, ethics and humaneness."

"They are forced to give their strength or even to sacrifice their lives in the service of a state against whom they should have been defending themselves with arms in hand."

"Our protest will at any rate bear witness to the fact that during a period of the most trying ordeals in its history, the Belgian people is conscious of its duty and is filled with the determination to defend its ideals of justice and freedom."

The protest was signed on behalf of the Court by Chief Justice Janar and Prosecutor General Raoul Hayot de Termcourt. Hitherto Hayot de Termcourt supported the neutrality of Belgium and was even benevolent in his attitude to the occupiers.

Million Soviet Children to Go To Camps

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, May 20.—Every summer great numbers of Soviet children are taken to country places and Pioneer camps. Others are accommodated at children's recreation centers for two weeks.

This year, despite wartime, over a million youngsters, primarily children of Red Army men, will go to the country. Others will go to special Pioneer sanatorium camps.

Extra rations have been allocated for children in rest homes and camps, and also for children's homes and boarding schools in the countryside.

Some 60,000 children of men in active service will receive accommodations at the expense of a Children's Relief Fund raised by the Soviet people.

New coal mines are being sunk in the place known as Granyachy, in the Tula at the foothills of the Ural. The new deposits, whose prospecting was begun during the war, are said to have a big future.

According to preliminary data on a vein reaching from three to eight yards in thickness, the deposits are estimated in millions of tons of coal.

In a number of places preparation is fully completed, and the mining of coal on an industrial scale is to begin this month.

RAF Bombs Berlin 4th Time in Week

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crushing raids on five Axis Mediterranean airdromes Wednesday and, running into the fiercest enemy air resistance since the fall of Tunisia, destroyed 73 enemy planes in combat and on the ground, it was announced today.

Only four American planes were lost in the lopsided triumph scored in the course of raids on four Sardinian air fields and the big Mila air center at Trapani, Sicily.

The sudden appearance of so many enemy planes in contrast to the mild opposition to recent raids and the fact that the U.S. pilots reported the enemy fliers seemed to be inexperienced suggested that the Germans have rushed large air reinforcements to the southern theatre.

The longest and most spectacular air battle of the day was fought off the Sicily west coast near the Egadi Islands just after Flying Fortresses had swept over the Mila field and wrecked 37 enemy planes on the ground. As they wheeled for the return trip, the big American bombers were attacked by 50 enemy fighters.

1,400 Polish Priests Tortured by Nazis

BERNE, May 20 (ICN).—The underground radio station "Oesterreich" broadcast information about the fate of 1,400 Polish Catholic priests arrested by the Germans in 1940 and taken at first to a concentration camp in Mauthausen, from where they were transferred to the notorious camp at Dachau.

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An Austrian who was a political prisoner in the same camp at the time relates that from morning until night the Polish priests, among them many older than 60, had to work in the quarries. In the summer they were given no water and in the winter no warm clothes and gloves. The emaciated prisoners had to drag heavy stones to the top of a mountain, while young SS men and overseers composed of criminals stood on both sides of the road and beat them viciously. The whole road was red with blood.

The death rate among the priests soon reached 80 to

90 daily. Those of their number who had a gold tooth or ring on a finger were simply killed in order to acquire the few grams of gold. Often the SS men committed these crimes with the aid of professional murderers from among the prisoners, promising them in exchange an extra piece of bread or a second helping of soup.

The priests were compelled to perform the dirtiest work, such as cleaning latrines, etc. In the course of eight months 840 of the 1,400 priests died in great torment. The dying priests were refused the sacrament.

BRUTAL PERSECUTION

In March, 1941, the 560 priests still alive were transferred to the notorious Dachau camp.

"The arrival of these 560 Polish priests to Dachau was anticipated by the SS men as a special kind of holiday," relates another eyewitness, whose description of the horrors in the given camp was broadcast by "Oesterreich."

First of all they made the priests line up on a big

square in the middle of the camp where they had to go down on their knees 200 times and more. Those who no longer had the strength to do so were brutally beaten up. Finally the bruised and bleeding priests were driven into the barracks.

At night the SS men dragged out some of the priests dressed only in their shirts and forced them in the biting cold of March to carry out various army orders.

In the first days 30 priests died as a result of the terrible injuries inflicted by the SS men. Others came down with pneumonia. There was no medical assistance. Only those who were dying were sent to the camp's hospital, where five or six priests died daily.

The priests were strictly forbidden to pray. Those who were caught doing so were just about beaten to death. They were also forbidden to converse with their Polish compatriots of whom there were approximately 4,000 in Dachau at the time.

How Soviet Officers Foiled Nazi Attacks

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, May 20.—The cool and efficient strategy of Red Army commanders in defeating German counter-attacks and turning these attacks into defeats for the Germans is described in a Red Star article yesterday.

"The enemy had a favorable defense line which gave him certain tactical advantages," the article points out. "The Soviet units fortified their positions on the bank of the river and thoroughly reconnoitered the enemy defenses. They then surprised the Germans and ousted them from a village and a number of important heights and entrenched on their new positions."

"In an effort to regain their lost positions at any cost, the enemy threw several battalions of infantry and tanks into action. The fighting was furious and in the very first days the Germans sustained losses in tanks and men from the Soviet artillery fire."

"When scouts reported an advance column of German tanks, the artillery platoon commander Kuzmin transferred his guns to the menaced sector."

"When less than 500 yards separated them from the enemy tanks, Kuzmin's men opened fire. The battle lasted for several hours, in the course of which Soviet artillery men disabled six enemy panzers and covered up their own infantry."

"In one instance the enemy concentrated up to two battalions of infantry and 13 tanks on a narrow sector and delivered a number of counterattacks against the Soviet subdivisions. With numerical superiority on their side the Germans began to press back the Soviet units; but just then a telling blow was struck at their rear."

"Seizing a convenient moment, an infantry subdivision under the command of Senior Lieutenant Ivanchenko rushed into the attack with the support of mortar and machine gun fire. As a result of hand-to-hand fighting, the enemy was thrown back, leaving some 200 killed and wounded on the small battlefield."

"Exceptionally stubborn fighting raged for two elevations which changed hands several times, but remained in the hands of the Red Army men."

"Both sides are considerably active in the air. On May 14 Soviet pilots attacked enemy troops preparing for a counterattack and wiped out up to a company of enemy soldiers and officers."

71 Billion for Army Asked

WASHINGTON, May 20 (UP).—President Roosevelt today asked Congress to make a total of \$71,896,499,700 available for army expenditures during the next fiscal year beginning July 1.

This figure represented an increase of more than \$6,000,000,000 in the tentative army estimate which Mr. Roosevelt sent to Congress in January.

With the pending \$20,000,000,000 navy bill, this will mean an Army-Navy budget of more than \$100,000,000,000 for the 1944 fiscal year.

Expenditures by other agencies concerned with the war will push the total war budget beyond the \$100,000,000,000 figure that Mr. Roosevelt tentatively estimated in January.

White House Secretary Stephen T. Early said the \$6,000,000,000 increase in the army budget was accounted for primarily by the aircraft construction program.

Jail Norwegian Churchmen

STOCKHOLM, May 20 (ICN).—It has been learned here that the director of the "Provisional Church Board," Professor Hallesby, and his closest associate, Reverend Hope, were arrested by the German police in Norway and interned in the Grini concentration camp.

Pretext for the arrest was their recent letter to Quisling protesting against the forcible mobilization of Norwegians for work for the German war machine.

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A Kiss for a Liberator



An attractive resident of Tunisia enthusiastically welcomes a member of a British tank crew shortly after Nazi troops had been chased out of the city. This photo is one of the first original pictures to arrive in this country since the British marched into Tunis.

Russia Saved Us, Say Swedish Papers

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

STOCKHOLM, May 20.—Important sections of the Swedish press continue to be very critical of the Swedish government's policy of allowing German soldiers to cross Swedish soil, and one paper, the Göteborgs Handelsstidning, declares that Sweden has been spared attack thus far only because of Soviet and Allied successes on the eastern front and in Africa.

The Göteborg newspaper, and important trade journal, writes that "once again we are faced with the old question—why is the German attack limited to Denmark and Norway? The concentration of troops indicated that the Germans intended to attack us as well."

"The attack did not take place, not because of the strength of our defense, whose weakness is known to the Germans better than to ourselves. The reason was due to Russia."

Noting that the "intervention of Russia spared us a German attack," the newspaper continues, "One year after the Russian Government saved us from German invasion, the Swedish Government permitted German troops transit through Sweden for an attack on Russia. This permission was a plain violation of neutrality."

"Had Hitler's calculations in the war with Russia proved correct it is quite possible that the German army in Finland would have made use of its maps of Sweden as far back as the Autumn of 1941. At that time an attack on Sweden would have been easier than a year earlier."

SAVED BY SOVIETS

"German soldiers travelled throughout Sweden. The Germans could have invaded Sweden all along the Norwegian border, selecting those points where the Swedish troops lacked ammunition. But Hitler's calculations failed. Russia was not beaten. The Swedish maps were sent back to Germany."

"If the Germans have not attacked us so far it is not because of the concessions of the Swedish Government to Germany, but solely because of the German reverses in Russia and Africa."

"The concessions of the Government not only increased the danger to us from Germany, but they gave rise to another grave danger which the present Premier Per Albin Hansson brilliantly enlightened us on in his speech of a quarter of a century ago in connection with the mistake of the then Foreign Minister Lindman in the 'Luxembourg Affair.' (This refers to the fact that the Swedish embassy in Argentina played the role of intermediary for the German espionage service in South America. Its exposure in March, 1917 led to a government crisis.)"

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Turn Guns on Nazis, Slovak Troops Urged

MOSCOW, May 20 (ICN).—An appeal to the Slovaks conscripted by Hitler not to fight against their Russian brothers but instead to join the anti-fascist guerrillas or go over to the side of the Red Army, was made by a Slovak guerrilla at the Third All-Slav meeting held this week in Moscow.

Saluting his "Dear Brother Slovaks" back home in Slovakia by radio, this Slovak partisan, Joseph Tush, said:

"From the tribune of this All-Slav meeting in Moscow, I greet you on behalf of the Slovak soldiers who have gone over to the side of the Soviet Partisans and, shoulder to shoulder with them, are fighting against the enemy of all Slav peoples—the Germans."

"Not Slovaks—but Germans are bosses in Slovakia today. They have seized our forests, our factories, all the riches of our land. Poverty and hunger reign in our homeland. The peasant slaves like a serf, but all his crops are taken from him and shipped to Germany. All of Slovakia has been placed at the disposal of the German lords."

"But the greatest crime against our people was committed by the so-called Slovak government when it used force to send us to fight against our Russian brothers on the side of our mortal enemies—the Germans and the Magyars."

REFUSE TO FIGHT SOVIETS!

"Slovaks do not want to fight against their Russian brothers. They don't want to spill their blood in Hitler's interests. On the Soviet-German front honest Slovaks refuse to fight against the Russians, but instead go over to the side of the Red Army. That is what I did, and many of my comrades did the same."

"Our First Cavalry Regiment, Second Infantry Division, in which I served, was sent against the partisans of the Gornal district. We refused to fight against the Soviet partisans. Our soldiers and officers, instead of attacking the partisans, remained in the village. Along with a group of my comrades, I went over to the Partisans, who received me wholeheartedly. In the guerrilla detachment we met with many other Slovak soldiers who had gone over previously."

"Along with the Partisans, I took part in many operations—derailing German ammunition trains, fighting against Hitlerites. In one of these battles we killed 860 Magyars. In another, 185 Germans. I feel proud that I'm fighting against the deadly enemies of our people."

"Every time my bullet hits a German or a Magyar, I think of you Slovaks in my homeland."

Here, take this for Devin and Petralka and Surany and Kosice—I say to the Germans—take this for gorging yourselves with Slovak bread while Slovaks are starving in their own country. And this is for Slovak mothers and wives who mourn their husbands and sons whom you have driven to bloody battle for another's interests. Here, take this, and remember, German and Magyar, that Slovaks will never be your servants or slaves!

"Among those present at this meeting is Stefan Tushak, a Slovak partisan who just came by plane from the area around Minsk, and who only yesterday, along with Byelorussians, took part in hot battles against German invaders. In the partisan detachment in which Stefan Tushak served are Slovaks, Byelorussians, Russians and Poles."

"I appeal to you, Slovak soldiers! Don't let the Germans drive you into battle against your Slav brothers. Turn your rifles against the Germans. Form partisan detachments in your homeland. Kill Germans wherever possible. If you are sent to the front, go over to the side of the Red Army. You can fight against Germans here in partisan detachments or in the west."

CLIMAX IS NEAR

We have suffered much sorrow. We have not forgotten about it. This sorrow has given us a taste for life. We know that the road to life runs over German corpses, over the corpses of fascist Germany. The insupportable force of life leads us to the west."

In February and March we saw for the first time the towns and villages which had been in German hands for nearly one and a half years. We realized what time meant, and this realization impels us forward. We have no time. The stifling air of the first sultry days is charged with this sacred impatience."

Many trials lie ahead, but the men at the front are not deterred by them. Everybody knows the German. They know his strength and his weakness. Southern Europe is feverishly waiting for the first peal of thunder. The Germans will not escape the ring. We know that the enemy is strong, but also know that the climax is near. The inevitable hour—the end of Hitlerite Germany—depends on the courage and ability of every one of us."

Japanese Mass Toward Enshih Hupeh Capital

CHUNGKING, May 20 (UP).—Sixty thousand Japanese, supported by planes, tanks, paratroops, heavy artillery, are pushing westward in central China toward Enshih, wartime capital of Hupeh province, only 180 miles east of Chungking, a Chinese military spokesman said today.

Enshih, better known as Shennan, is on the south bank of the Yangtze River, a tributary of the Yangtze. It is 115 miles southwest of the Yangtze port of Ichang, thus far the deepest point of Japanese penetration in central China.

The military spokesman said three "gigantic" enemy prongs were sweeping the lowlands adjacent to Lake Tungting, and that one of these had reached a point 40 miles west of the lake. A second Japanese column had occupied Chinkiang, 120 miles east of Enshih, and the third was operating south of Kungang, 40 miles southeast of Chinkiang.

The Japanese were reported to be using about 50 planes in their drive and to have concentrated mechanized units north of the Yangtze. The spokesman said the importance the enemy attached to the campaign could be gained from the fact that only Japanese troops were being used, in contrast to the Chinese mercenaries engaged in a secondary operation.

Order Norwegian Cops in Nazi Party

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

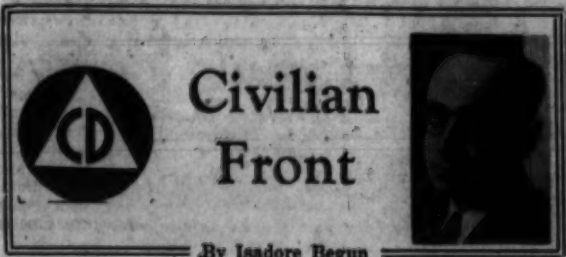
STOCKHOLM, May 20.—All police chiefs in Norway have been given orders to disband policemen who are not members of the Quisling Party, says the Swedish newspaper here, Ny Dag. Every day police are dismissed. Many have already been arrested.

Simultaneously measures are being taken to recruit new men into the police corps. Formerly the police training period was three months, whereas now this period has been cut down to eight days in Oslo.

The illegal press calls upon young Norwegians to boycott the police service.

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'Forward' Quotes What Wallace Never Said



Civilian Front

By Isadore Begun

Parkchester is a community of 12,000 families and at least triple that number of babies. It has a United Victory Committee which is really united and really works for victory. Recently its fifty housewife members packed 800 people into Chester House at \$1 a head for the benefit of Allied War Relief. Unbelievable? Ask Red Cross, United China Relief, Russian War Relief and the Foster Plan for Children in War-time (British).

Originally a small group of women meeting in each other's homes to knit for the armed forces, the Victory Committee is now one of the most active war agencies in the community. Business meetings are regularly alternated with educational evenings. Invited speakers have discussed our present Congress, France before and during the war, point rationing, and the Negro and the war. Such a United Victory Committee in every neighborhood would just about take care of the community home front! But that ain't all. There's the

AWVS
One of their problems not so long ago was to decide what to do with the \$400 or so realized from a bazaar. It was solved by fitting out a complete day room for the student naval officers at the nearby Fort Schuyler Training Station—ping-pong, cards, records, furniture and petty pin-ups. They've done lots more, but let's take a look at the

PARKCHESTER POST 1239, AMERICAN LEGION

"Russian Night" began with a march from Chester House led by the Post band to the meeting hall. Principal speaker, Sergei N. Kourakoff held his audience of Legionnaires and Parkchesterites spellbound. Edm. Vils of the Russian Grand Opera Company sang. This was the Post's second "moral program." The first was dedicated to Great Britain. A similar series has been organized by the

CDVO
Dr. Henry Fast of the Belgian Embassy, Dr. Yung Ching Wei of the Chinese Consulate (a guerrilla fighter) and Dr. Dickens of the British Library of Information have been guest speakers at the United Nations Forum of the CDVO. By house to house canvassing, appeals in the local movies and through their own CDVO Bulletin, Parkchester is building up one of the best Block Service organizations in the city.

Surely, such an energetic and patriotic community is doing something to help OPA enforce price ceilings and wipe out the black market—let's have it for next week.

What's Your Neighborhood Story? Let's Have It!

FROM THE SIDEWALKS OF NEW YORK TO THE HEROIC PEOPLE OF THE SOVIET UNION

As an old school teacher I'm happy that the school children and teachers of New York City are being given an opportunity to contribute clothing and to write letters to our Russian friends.

Superintendent of Schools John E. Wade has designated the coming week, May 24-29, for the collection in New York's 600 schools of clothing for Russian War Relief. Each child is receiving a printed appeal to share your clothing with the Russians. With each garment the children will send a letter "to help the Russians to win." Millions of gifts and millions of letters from millions of America's children! Here, indeed, is a firm foundation for a growing friendship between two great nations.

HER NEEDLE IS HER WEAPON
(Excerpt from a letter to Mary van Kleeck from Elizabeth Orlovskaya, Peckham, a needle trades worker of the Soviet Union, published in SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY, May, 1943):

"That was the way my husband died, fighting for his country. It was painful and difficult, unbearably difficult to learn of this loss. But I squeezed my heart into a little ball. This is no time to give in to despair. When I am alone I weep bitterly and inconsolably, but at my work I am as good a worker as before. Only my hatred and loathing of the Germans are greater than ever. I will take revenge for Feyda, for our broken life, for our stolen happiness, for our motherland! And I have begun to look at the needle in my hand as a weapon. For the more coats I make for our men and women, the warmer they are clothed, and the more arms and equipment we together can produce for the front."

WARM WEATHER SUGGESTIONS

Warm weather PLUS street corner EQUALS good meeting.
Warm weather PLUS dance band EQUALS successful block party.

In his address at the annual dinner of the American Labor Party at the Commodore last Sunday night, Vice-President Henry A. Wallace said, among other things:

"If we go down the road together in the same spirit as the magnificent Russians and our other splendid Allies, I feel confident that we shall win everything but the final clean-up on the Western Front in this year of 1943." (New York Times, May 17, 1943).

Here is what the Jewish Daily Forward, mouthpiece of David Dubinsky of the anti-Soviet brigade, did to this utterance:

"If we go down the road together in the same spirit as the magnificent Russians—and there is of course a distinction between Russians and Communists—and our other splendid Allies, etc."

The words "and there is of course a distinction between Russians and Communists" is sheer invention by the editors of the Forward! Mr. Wallace never uttered these words, but the Forward found it impossible to go to press without an attack on Communists. They are so anxious to continue anti-Soviet propaganda that they are ready to falsify a speech by the Vice President of the United States.

Okla. Court Ruling Blow to Witch Hunters

The Oklahoma Criminal Court of Appeals yesterday declined to reverse its decision on the convictions of Alan Shaw, Ina Wood, and Eli Jaffe, who had been sentenced to ten years imprisonment and \$5,000 fines under the state criminal syndicalism law, the International Labor Defense announced.

While denying the motion filed by state attorneys for a re-hearing of the appeal, the court did not hand down any decision in the case of Robert Wood, fourth of the victims of the Oklahoma criminal syndicalism law, who is also under a similar sentence. Wood was the first of the four to be tried.

County Attorney George Mikovskiy—of Oklahoma City immediately announced an early decision would be reached as to whether the cases would be dismissed, or whether Mrs. Wood, Shaw and Jaffe would be tried again in the district court.

The original decision of the appeals court now upheld did not dismiss the charges against them, merely setting aside the verdict and sentence of the trial court and remanding the cases for new trials there.

"The decision of the court on the application for new hearings was the only one which could have been rendered in justice and decency," the International Labor Defense, which has been conducting the defense, said. "It is to be hoped the Criminal Court of Appeals will similarly dismiss the conviction against Robert Wood, and that the district court will follow the spirit of the appeals mandate and dismiss the charges against the three whose convictions have been reversed and the eight defendants not yet tried."

The defendants in the Oklahoma cases are at liberty on bond totaling \$85,000 provided through the International Labor Defense, but the court has insisted so far that the four who were convicted remain within the state of Oklahoma.

The cases originated on August 17, 1940, when illegal raids on a book-shop and several homes resulted in the arrest of seventeen persons and seizure of 10,000 books. Subsequently, twelve were held for trial for possession and sale of literature.

QUOTATION OF THE WEEK
"It is highly desirable that the Local Defense Council include, besides designated public officials, representatives of all phases of community life. These should be persons possessing a recognized knowledge of, and currently active in, the fields of industry, labor, consumer protection, minority groups, education, health, welfare and other phases of community life related to Civilian Defense and civilian mobilization for the war effort."

(From Legal Aspects of Civilian Protection, prepared by the American Bar Association for the office of Civilian Defense.)

B'klyn Labor, Consumer, Civic Groups to Meet on Roll-Back

Brooklyn labor, consumer and civic organizations will gather at an emergency conference on prices next Thursday evening, May 27, at the Hotel St. George.

The meeting is called by the Brooklyn Non-Partisan Conference on Legislation in Wartime to formulate a constructive program and to coordinate activity in the fight for a roll-back of prices.

Local groups have sprung up all over Brooklyn trying to grapple with the price control problem, according to Lucille Perlman, executive secretary of the Non-Partisan Conference. They need direction and coordination, she claimed, and that's what the emergency will aim at providing.

She also intimated that the work of these community movements would be coordinated with the demand of labor for a price roll-back, and expects considerable labor participation.

150 GROUPS REPRESENTED
The Brooklyn Non-Partisan Conference was organized at a meeting on January 23 at which some 120 organizations were represented. The meeting adopted a comprehensive program of war-time legislation and activity, centering primarily

Gellert Drawing Received by Seaman



The National Maritime Union receives a gift of an original Hugo Gellert drawing illustrating the decisive role of wartime shipping in helping to beat the Axis. NMU seamen will be honored for heroic services in the war at the TWO-March to Freedom rally at Madison Square Garden, Sunday at 7:30 P. M. The pageant dramatizes Vice-President Wallace's Century of the Common Man speech. The Gellert print presented by the International Workers Order is examined by (left to right) Eleanor Wolfert, IWO; mess-chambers, marine men Julio Rivera and Hermine Seda, and Rosemary Muench, IWO women's director.

What OPA Volunteers Are Training for...

Should flat dollar and cent ceilings on grocery items be posted in the stores? When do the price panels start operating? And what is a price violation?

These, and many more questions, were answered for several hundred price volunteers this week who took a training course to help make OPA regulations work.

Men and women from all parts of the city, in consumer, labor and mass groups, turned up at the OPA for training as price volunteers.

They were given a one-lecture course on the why, when and how of price control and what their future responsibilities would be.

Immediate jobs for the price assistants as outlined by Martin L. Scher, assistant price executive of the New York District OPA who was instructor, would be the gathering of a master list of all retail stores and the distribution of grocery and meat price lists to all stores in communities assigned to them.

The price volunteers are expected to start shortly as assistants to the 16 War Price and Rationing Boards scattered throughout the city. The boards now have price panels attached to them to handle all cases of community price violations. If a violation cannot be corrected by the local price panel, it will be referred to the District OPA.

Neither the price panel which will consist of from three to seven persons representing the local community, nor the 10 or 15 price assistants assigned to each panel will be able to enforce prices or punish violators.

Their main jobs will be:

1. Educate consumer and retailer as to their responsibilities in carrying out the stabilization program and cracking the black market.

2. Handle complaints by investigating them and settling them or referring them to the District OPA.

3. Gather statistics, information and carry on general survey work.

The price assistants will in the main do the leg work for the price panels.

After almost a year, the OPA has finally turned to the consumers to

assist in the enforcement of its regulations.

Since most violations occur at the retail level, the price agency hopes price volunteers will be instrumental in wiping out violations.

It is estimated that the cost of living would be reduced one percent if price violations on the retail level were eliminated.

The price warden plan which has been urged by consumer and trade unions is considered to be a milder version of the original plan which would have allowed price wardens to police prices as well as take punitive action after all attempts at correction of violations had failed.

At present the main aim of the plan is an educational one. Many consumers also feel that 400 price

assistants for so large a city as New York is insufficient. If we are to be able to check on the 120,000 retail outlets that operate here, price volunteers running into the thousands are needed.

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OK Met Project Despite Protests

The City Planning Commission yesterday overrode opposition of civic groups and by a vote of five to one approved the plan for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's 61-acre exclusive housing development on the East Side.

Civic opposition to the plan centered around its failure to provide sites for a public school, libraries and other community facilities.

Councilman Stanley M. Isaacs criticized the plan, stating it would wall off an entire section of the city, barring citizens living outside the project from its streets.

Councilman A. Clayton Powell joined with Mr. Isaacs in sponsoring legislation to assure that the project—scheduled for construction after the war—would not bar prospective tenants because of race, creed or color.

The two councilmen will introduce at today's council meeting a local law and a resolution to make such discrimination unlawful.

Powell and Isaacs explained that the local law would apply to all projects. Pending its passage and in order to make it certain that the Metropolitan project, which probably will set the pattern for many to follow, does not violate this principle, the two councilmen are introducing a resolution asking the Board of Estimate to include in the agreements between the city and

the company an express covenant barring discrimination.

The dissenting vote against plans for the project was cast at the Planning Commission meeting by Commissioner Lawrence M. Orton. He contended that the plan was in violation of the building bulk and population density standards of the city's master plan of which the project becomes a part.

Mr. Orton also criticized the small amount of play space in relation to the total population.

The contract between the city and the Metropolitan Co. was submitted to the Board of Estimate later in the afternoon but was laid over until a later date for action.

The project is to cost \$50,000,000 and will extend from 14th to 20th St. and from Marginal St. to First Ave.

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Unions Turn Thumbs Down on Lewis' Strike Policy

Cleveland AFL Rebukes Dubinsky, Vows No-Strike

Lewis-Trotzkyite 'Holiday' Plot in Akron Repudiated

Coast Metal Trades Reject Lewis Policy

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 20.—Despite one lone voice attempting to sow confusion—the voice of David Dubinsky speaking through Abe Katofsky, manager, Cleveland Joint Board ILGWU—the Cleveland Federation of Labor tonight unanimously approved a decisive no-strike pledge. The resolution presented by twenty six out-

standing AFL leaders, including all CIO officers and heads of district councils, declared "No affiliate of this body, regardless of numerical strength or position, will be aided or abetted by us in any work stoppage unless we have first been given the opportunity to explore every avenue of settlement through the agencies now provided for such action." The Federation also resolved that it will "publicly denounce and openly criticize" any local union or members responsible for a strike. Katofsky of the ILGWU, called for a "demarcation" between "war and industry" and "private industry" on the grounds that the unconditional no strike pledge should apply only to "war industry." He stated, "our industry is not involved in the war—do we have to go before the grievance committee of the Federation before we call a strike?"

"Yes, that's what we want you to do," replied William F. McGraw, CIO president, and continued: "I'm a member of the local WMC committee and it seems to me every industry is involved in the war."

Dubinsky's man was also an-

swered by Bernard V. McGraw, international representative of the Stereotypers and Electrotypers:

"Any strike today whether in a war industry or in a so-called non-war industry is the best way to help Hitler," he said. "The people behind the Connally-Smith and other anti-labor legislation want to strike—all our enemies want us to strike in order to weaken us."

Katofsky voted for the resolution because he wanted it known that "in principle" he is against strikes today, "especially in defense industries." In his discussion, he announced he is looking forward "to a couple of strikes" in his industry. Cleveland AFL body also condemned Warner and Swayze Company for refusing to pay its employees entering armed forces their earned vacation pay and handed by unanimous rising vote of acclamation "the loyalty and devotion to our Nation" of members of Machinists Lodge 1263, who refused to be provoked into strike action by company's unpatriotic stand and despite activity of small group of disrupters within shop.

IWO Miners Back Gov't On Strike Stand

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., May 20.—Miner members of the International Workers Order in this town have sent a letter to President Roosevelt reaffirming their support for his win-the-war leadership and declaring that the just demands of the mine workers should be solved without a stoppage and through the National War Labor Board.

They took action at a meeting of the Slovak-American Lodge, 2094, of the IWO after hearing a talk by Calvin Brook, editor of the Slovak-American daily, Ludoxi Dennik published in Pittsburgh.

"The miners have made a pledge not to strike during this war not because they don't want to offend the coal operators, but because this war is the miners' war as well as the war of all working and common people of our country," Mr. Brook said.

If John L. Lewis ignores the WLB, he is only proving that he is neither interested in winning this people's war nor in realizing the just demands of the miners," he declared.

Lewis-Trotzkyite 'Holiday' Plot in Akron Repudiated

AKRON, May 20.—An attempt of followers of John L. Lewis and Trotskyite forces, led by George Boas, to stop war production in this important rubber center for a so-called "labor holiday" June 2 has been publicly denounced by two locals of the United Rubber Workers, CIO.

Adelaide Hetzel, president of Killian Shunk Local 20, announced that her local emphatically turned down a request to approve the "holiday."

President Fred Karnuth of Mohawk Local 6 revealed that his local had not only turned

down the disruptive proposal but was publicizing a resolution unanimously adopted which links the sponsors of the holiday with those "elements in the labor movement now attempting to foment unrest in the ranks of labor for their own selfish political purposes."

The resolution lists among the purposes: "Creating distrust and suspicion of our Commander-in-Chief with the objective of weakening and disrupting our war effort, particularly at this moment when we are preparing to invade Europe and crush Hitler."

Nail Lewis 'Strike' Rumor in Alabama

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BIRMINGHAM, May 20.—Reports circulated here that labor was prepared to oppose the President and repudiate its no-strike pledge were nailed as "vicious, dangerous and untrue" by Alton Lawrence, regional coordinator of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union.

Lawrence's statement, which charged that the false rumors were spread by followers of John L. Lewis in an effort to undermine labor's support for the war, received wide publicity in the press here. The declaration was originally issued in a letter to all Mine, Mill & Smelter locals in this district.

"The American labor movement, with a few treacherous exceptions, is solidly behind our Commander-in-Chief and the war effort," Lawrence said. "The grievances of labor are not against the President, but against the defeatists, the poll taxers, the native fascists in Congress, in some corporations and in some state governments who are responsible for the sabotage of the President's program."

"It is against them, not against the President, that labor is preparing for all out battle." The CIO leader expressed warm support for the miners' demands but attacked Lewis and unity-disrupting policies.

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Fur, Leather Union Backs CIO Program

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, May 20.—Wholehearted support for the decisions of the national CIO Executive Board meeting in Cleveland last week was unanimously expressed today by the International Fur and Leather Workers Union in session at the Hotel Statler.

Support for the CIO Board decisions was expressed in a telegram to CIO President Murray which paid tribute to his "steadfast guidance and patriotic leadership" and reaffirmed the Union's no-strike pledge.

The telegram pledged the Fur & Leather Workers Union to do its utmost to carry out the CIO's decisions for the realization of the Cabotage decision of "unconditional surrender of the axis," for the invasion of Europe and the offensive against Japan, to "achieve speedy victory."

Announcement was made at today's session that the overwhelming majority of both the fur and leather workers had adopted the union's new International constitution.

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Calif. New Dealers Fight Tories in Party

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 20.—The AFL Pacific Coast Metal Trades Conference convening here today decisively repudiated the strike action policies being spearheaded in the country by John L. Lewis when it defeated a resolution for "direct action" by a vote of 71 to 35.

The resolution, on which the resolutions committee urged non-strike action, stated that unless the conference was called by June 4 for adjustment of wages "the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council will not be responsible for action taken by its membership" called on 37 member unions in shipyards to take "direct action."

Discussion swayed heatedly back and forth on the resolution with numerous members asserting that production must not be stopped while the country is at war. Main resolution adopted by the body was one calling for a conference of government, employer and labor representatives to be held not later than June 8 to readjust wage scales.

Apparent throughout the conference was a strong feeling of resentment against the manner in which the cost of living was going up, while wages remained stable. Another striking feature of the

meeting was the dissatisfaction among delegates over the failure of the conference to outline a positive program with which unions could bring about proper adjustments to this increased cost of living.

A number of delegates took the floor urging a rolling back of prices and obtaining of necessary food and transportation services in war industries. But these were side-tracked by unrelenting strike-talk of Lewis-minded delegates.

The conference also referred an amendment resolution back to the resolutions committee, subject to later approval, by delegates, whereby the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council would strive for inclusion of union internationals, such as the building service and office workers, under terms of the master agreement now in effect in West Coast shipyards.

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Navy Cites Negro Messman Who Towed Raft to Safety

By Eugene Gordon

It was last Oct. 23 when the world first heard of "Frenchy." Over the radio, in every paper in the land came the story: First a blinding explosion from a Japanese fired torpedo. Then a raging hell of men dying, men drowning, men trying desperately to escape the oil-soaked waters, the sharks of the Pacific, to find a raft, a log, a stick of debris. A half-dead band of American seamen from the sunken destroyer managed to get to a raft—only to find it drifting helplessly out to sea.

A young giant of a Negro called by his shipmates "Frenchy" told the survivors: "I'm strong and I'm a good swimmer. Tie this rope around me and I'll slip overboard and tow this old raft in." And Frenchy did.

This week the Navy Department cited Frenchy for his conduct "in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service."

The National Broadcasting Co. and the Negro press led the field among those who tried to identify "Frenchy." On Oct. 31 the NBC announced that he was Charles Jackson French, of Little Rock, Ark. Some days later the episode was dramatized in a radio broadcast. More recently a weekly "comic" picture magazine carried a "true story" account of Frenchy's adventure in colored pictures.

Yesterday's citation was issued by Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., commanding in the South Pacific. He is the officer who stopped the slanders on the National Maritime Union, when union-haters were repeating the tale that NMU members had refused to unload a ship at Guadalcanal. He said it was a lie. Halsey's citation of Frenchy was released through the Navy Department.

The citation, its account of Frenchy's exploit differing only slightly from other accounts, reads in part:

"After the engagement a group of about 15 men were adrift on a raft, which had been deliberately shelled by Japanese naval forces. Frenchy tied a line to himself and swam more than two hours, without rest, thus attempting to tow the raft. His conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service."

The citation says that Frenchy is from Foreman, Ark., where his sister, Mrs. Vinny Harris, lives. It seems, from latest information, that the incident occurred in the vicinity of the Solomon Islands Sept. 5. Frenchy and the other men on the raft were survivors of the destroyer transport Gregory.

The Negro people, through numerous organizations and their press, have been appealing to the Navy Department to award Frenchy a medal. They succeeded, after much agitation, in winning that kind of recognition for Dorie Miller, who was a messman.

Thus the list of Negro naval heroes in the anti-fascist war is extended. The latest to be made public is the Negro gun crew of the Coast Guard cutter Campbell, which, last February, battled a German submarine for 12 hours in the North Atlantic, finally sinking it. Commander James A. Hirschfeld, of the Campbell, told newspapers that the cutter depth-bombed five Nazi subs and sank the sixth by ramming.

As for the Democratic Party, in these sections and positions where it has failed to serve the people, new leadership, responsible to the people, must be developed. And where that cannot be done, it may be necessary to form a new party, the win-the-war elements of both Democratic and Republican parties—such as the Willie Republicans.

A new Labor Party may be in the offing.

It would be very difficult to form such a party in California if the Dilworth bill should pass, said Lucy McWilliams.

And for that reason—but primarily because it is a blow against the civil liberties of every American, she is opposed to assembly bill 582.

It is the program that is important. But it takes people to carry out the program. And it is a hopeful sign that the vigorous entrance of women into American politics is producing such people as Lucy McWilliams.

Further plans for the price rollback rally will be completed at a meeting of the full Harlem-Riverside Community Council on May 26.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

Speaks in Denver Sun.

DENVER, May 20.—Elizabeth Gurley Flynn will speak in Denver this week. She will be the main speaker at a mass meeting at Townsend Hall, 1748 Welton on Sunday evening, May 23. Miss Flynn is on a nation-wide tour. On Monday, May 24, Miss Flynn will be guest of honor at a luncheon to be held at the Denver YWCA. Trade unionists, auxiliary leaders, housewives and professional women will have an opportunity to speak with Elizabeth Gurley Flynn at the luncheon.

New Conservative Chief Is Former Union Officer

LONDON, May 20 (UP).—The Conservative Party at its annual conference today elected a "Tory Workingman" as chairman for the George Catterall of Bolton, a retired cotton textile union official.

Lewis Wants Defeatist Merger, Not Labor Unity

By Roy Hudson

Defeated in their attempts to provoke a broad strike movement and to disrupt the CIO and divert it from its win-the-war program and support for the leadership of Philip Murray, the Woll, Hutcheson, Lewis, Dubinsky combine now resort to another provocative anti-war maneuver.

Quill to Talk At CIO Bronx Rally Tonight

The nineteenth CIO Community War Conference to strengthen the home front, will be held in South Bronx tonight 8 P.M. in the Irish Ballroom of the Knights of Columbus Hall, at 138th St. and Willis Ave., Bronx.

Congressman Walter Lynch of the 22nd Congressional District and Michael Quill, president of the Transport Workers Union, will be the main speakers.

With the completion of this conference, the Greater New York Industrial Union Council (CIO) will have organized 445,000 of its 500,000 members in the city into CIO Community Councils designed to mobilize the CIO membership for united action with all other forces in the community in support of President Roosevelt's war policies at home and abroad, and to implement the CIO's Legislative Program.

Members of the Transport Workers Union, the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, and Department Store Workers are expected to turn out in large numbers for this conference which will immediately launch a campaign to roll back prices to their Sept. 15th levels and to organize CIO members in South Bronx for participation in a campaign to enforce price ceilings by acting as price assistants and members of Price Panels.

The establishment of Child Care facilities for the children of working mothers and mothers who want to work, participation in the voluntary services of CIOV, a campaign against manifestations of job discrimination because of race, creed or color will be among other subjects that the conference will discuss.

Williamshridge RWR Party on Sunday

The United Williamshridge Organization for Russian War Relief in the Bronx will give a tea-party Sunday afternoon, May 23 at 3 o'clock, for all active members. Final plans will then be made for the War-Dinner to be held in the Paramount Mansions on June 19, for the benefit of the campaign to equip Military Hospital No. 1117 in Leningrad. The tea-party will be held at the headquarters of the United Williamshridge organization, the Lechem Anelam Hall, 759 Allerton Ave. Mr. Ilja Djour, past-president of HIAS will speak for the Jewish Council for American War Relief.

Canadian Army Heads Enroute to Washington

WASHINGTON, May 20 (UP).—The Canadian Maritime Information Board announced today that Col. J. L. Ralston, Canada's Minister of National Defense, and the Canada Chiefs of Staff are en route to Washington to confer with Prime Minister Winston Churchill. The plane was scheduled to arrive this afternoon.



THE medal pictured above is a badge of honor worn by thousands of National Maritime Union members who constitute the bulk of the men who keep our wartime fleet sailing through enemy-infested waters. The torpedo-shaped pin marks the wearer as having gone through the soul-searing experience of meeting up with an Axis undersea marauder—and surviving to tell the tale.

Tomorrow, the nation passes to pay tribute to the men and women of our fighting merchant marine. Saturday has been designated by President Roosevelt as Maritime Day. The Daily Worker, in its tribute to these heroes of the sea, will devote a full page to the seamen who keep 'Em Sailing.

John L. Lewis Grabs for the AFL

By William Z. Foster

The application by John L. Lewis for U.M.W.A. re-affiliation to the AFL is not a step towards labor unity, as Woll, Dubinsky and Company are shouting: it is an attempt to block labor unity. Lewis, a bitter enemy of the CIO, would be certain to use whatever power and influence he may have to make it more difficult for the AFL and the CIO to maintain and develop pro-war policies upon which unity must be based. He would also lay every obstacle in the way of organizational unity and of all united labor action in support of the war.

It is clear that Lewis wants to get into the AFL to find a broader field for his struggle against the Roosevelt Administration and the national war effort. What he aims to do, with the help of reactionary elements in the Executive Council, is to intensify his efforts to split away the labor movement from its support of the Roosevelt war policies, to get it to repudiate its no-strike pledge, and to use it as a tool in the fight of the Hoover-Taft-Hearst-Wheeler-Lewis defeatists for a negotiated peace that would mean the loss of the war. Under no circumstances can the workers permit this sinister scheme of Lewis to succeed.

John L. Lewis should have no place at the head of the United Mine Workers. Nor should there be a place for him in the American Federation of Labor. His unpatriotic policies in this war, in which the most vital interests of the labor movement and our whole nation are at stake, completely disqualify him for leadership in any capacity. Lewis now presents a grave danger to organized labor and the war, and he must be treated as such.

During the past couple of years Lewis, in his fight against the Roosevelt Administration and its win-the-war policies, has engaged in a whole series of grandiose projects of labor disruption, all of which have suffered shipwreck. When he pulled the U.M.W.A. out of the CIO he hoped to split that organization all along the line, but nothing of the kind happened. On the contrary, the CIO continued to grow and to solidify its forces as never before. Whereupon Lewis, left on an island with the miners, began to work upon a fantastic plan to create a third labor movement, what with his attempts to build his nondescript District 60, his vicious raids upon the established unions of railroad workers, building trades workers, etc., and his maneuverings with the boss-controlled "independent" movement of company unions. But these ambitious plans of labor disunity and of struggle against our nation's war plans also suffered defeat, by a failure to rally the workers to them.

The present situation imperatively demands the unification of labor's ranks. In Congress a strong and insistent defeatist opposition, boldly in attacking every angle of the Government's war policy and also seeking to hamstring the trade unions by drastic anti-labor laws. It is necessary, therefore, for labor to close its ranks and give the Commander-in-Chief stronger support than it has done up to date. This is the way to strengthen the Government's foreign war policies; this is the way to protect the workers' economic standards. Such trade union unity is not to be achieved, however, by allowing Lewis to blast his way into the AFL, and to take charge; to secure a new vantage ground from which to plot against everything vital to labor and our nation. This latest attempt by Lewis stresses more than ever the absolute necessity for the long delayed, all-around trade union unity.

ATTACK ON WAR
Lewis' latest adventurist attempt against the labor movement and the war was his national strike of coal miners. This strike was planned to throw our war industries into a ruinous chaos of struggle. It was planned to break up our national unity by bringing the labor movement into direct conflict with the Roosevelt Government. The fascist propaganda agents in Berlin, Rome and Tokyo knew which side their bread was buttered on when they hailed Lewis' coal strike with glee and declared that it foreshadowed a collapse of the American war effort. But in this coal strike against the war Lewis also failed.

Press Storm Hides Food Parley Issue

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, May 20. — The tempest in a tea cup over the publicity arrangements for the international food conference at Hot Springs has obscured the real problem facing the delegates from 45 countries.

The problem in simple terms is assuring maximum food production by all the United Nations to avoid actual famine on large areas of the earth's surface.

This means organizing the land and manpower resources of Central and South America, of Africa and the Middle East.

So far both England and the United States have fallen down on the job badly. And as a result, much of the responsibility for the success of the conference rests on these two powers.

TREMENDOUS WASTE
Let's look at some specific cases of sheer waste to see more clearly the job facing the conference. The United States through the Department of Agriculture has made arrangements to import 900,000 tons of nitrates from Chile in 1943.

But practically all of these Chilean nitrates will be used for producing cotton and tobacco in the South—which is then stored away in warehouses because there is more than enough cotton and tobacco on hand.

That is one example of a tremendous waste of shipping space, and a failure to make proper use of the resources of the one of the anti-Axis nations.

Four-fifths of the food supply of Hawaii is shipped 2,500 miles from the West Coast of the United States—despite the fact that Hawaii could easily grow its own food.

In Argentina flax seed and corn are being burned—while farmers in this country are being urged to increase production of both crops.

Agricultural production in Brazil and Argentina could be increased immensely, and far greater supplies of meat for the United Nations could be bought for the United Nations from Argentina.

There are acute food shortages

throughout the Caribbean area because the Central American republics are confined to banana economy instead of being encouraged to produce food.

These countries are dependent on rice from the United States, for example, instead of growing their own rice.

The Kilgore Committee of the Senate Military Affairs is soon expected to investigate these cases of failure to plan the agricultural production of the United Nations.

A request for an investigation by the Kilgore Committee of this problem as well as of the problem of plantations in food production in the United States was made today by Donald Henderson, President of the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers.

Fear of competition and of making colonial or semi-colonial countries self-sustaining in terms of food is behind much of the failure by England and the United States to do a better job on the food front.

The United Fruit Company and other American corporations are responsible for the one-crop banana economy of much of Central America.

Some officials in this country still adhere to the imperialist "food is a weapon" theory of Herbert Hoover by which they hope to assert the political power of the United States after the war.

One practical trouble with this theory is that the United States just won't have enough food to feed much of the world—unless there is a far more comprehensive food production program adopted.

And the United Nations can produce the food. This will mean taking all the curbs off food production. It will mean abandoning imperialist practices that have held down food production in many countries.

It will mean forgetting about many business-as-usual hang-overs, and it will mean antagonizing the far mbluc.

But the job has got to be done. And it is hoped here that the food conference at Hot Springs will make a beginning towards doing it.

Putting the Bolt on the Axis



All records were broken by attractive Frieda Sirok of Local 1140, United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers, CIO, Minneapolis, when she rolled threads on 39,733 bolts in a single shift. This almost doubled average production for that job. Frieda's fiancé is a Marine, one brother is in the Navy, another in the Army.

AFL Officials Assail Lewis Application

(Continued from Page 1)

"I am seriously disturbed by press reports concerning the attempt of John L. Lewis to enter the AFL," he telegraphed.

"The only unity Lewis seeks, as evidenced both by his acts and statements is to unite the appeasement forces against our President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and against the war."

"He seeks to impose his strike policy and anti-war policy on the AFL to hinder our nation's war effort."

"Pledging to further the unity of labor in support of the war and behind President Roosevelt, I urge that Lewis' harmful application be rejected."

James Alston, business agent of Local 623, Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union, said: "I am opposed to the AFL Executive Council accepting Lewis' application for reinstatement. Lewis is against the war. He does not seek labor unity but unity with such appeasement forces as are already in the AFL. Accepting Lewis won't help the war effort. It won't help the AFL. It will only divide and hamper the win-the-war forces."

La Prensa Director Confers with FDR

WASHINGTON, May 20 (UP).—Dr. Alberto Gainsa Paz, director of La Prensa, of Buenos Aires, and Hugh Ballie, President of the United Press associations, conferred today with President Roosevelt.

Dr. Gainsa Paz, who is visiting war plants and military establishments in the United States, paid his respects to Mr. Roosevelt preliminary to departing for the Pacific Coast.

Intrigue Against Labor Was Long Planned

By George Morris

John L. Lewis' application to re-enter the American Federation of Labor was a long-planned time-bomb to wreck labor's joint cooperation with President Roosevelt to win the war.

The main direct participants in this conspiracy with

Lewis are William Hutcheson, president of the carpenters and Matthew Woll, both vice-presidents of the AFL and heads of its ruling clique; David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and engineer of the Alter-Ehrlich conspiracy against United Nations unity.

Related to their move, in varying degrees, are also a number of leaders of CIO affiliates, notably Walter Reuther a vice-president of the United Automobile Workers, whose line is encouraging strikes in the automobile and aircraft industries.

DEFEATISTS BEHIND MOVE

In the background is the National Association of Manufacturers, Hoover Republicans and Wheeler Democrats who are closely aligned with the Woll-Hutcheson-Lewis anti-New Deal combination. They agree on the basis of a war policy of appeasement; destruction of the CIO whose members are in the principal war industries; destruction of the War Labor Board and the National Labor Relations Board, with labor relations and a wage stabilization policy to be thrown into wild confusion; rejection of price-control on a theory that ruinous inflation is a necessary accompaniment to war.

The program upon which this unholy alliance has been shaping was expressed in statements of labor leaders involved as well as from outstanding spokesmen of the National Association of Manufacturers and notorious negotiated peace advocates.

TINING THE BOMB

The Lewis time-bomb went off as:

1. Churchill and Roosevelt were engaged in talks on the next steps in the war, with invasion of Europe and the most decisive steps for victory, obviously taking shape.

2. As Lewis' war of nerves with the government and the American people continues, under a second "truce" with his henchmen in the coal fields organizing "spontaneous" walkouts involving already over 7,000 miners.

3. As reactionaries in Congress are on a rampage to pass the Smith-Connally anti-labor bill and other extremely drastic measures to hamstring labor union.

4. As defeatists of every stripe and their collaborators are stepping up to new heights their campaign to exploit dissatisfaction over high prices and other issues, to confuse labor, and break it away from war support.

5. As Dubinsky-led Social-Democrats and kindred elements among Polish, Ukrainian and similar groups in this country, are pressing their anti-Soviet campaign.

OFFENSIVE AGAINST FDR
All the factors point to a concentrated effort under central direction, to break away Roosevelt's principal support, which is the labor movement.

The Daily Worker has recognized the danger in the Lewis move ever since it was first advanced on January, 1942, in the form of a "unity" proposal. At that time, it will be recalled, Lewis opened his hand after a lengthy silence. Still in the CIO, he proposed resumption of unity negotiations with a dominant committee he headed, conducting negotiations. It soon turned out that he and Hutcheson, both associated with the America First Committee had a deal under which a united labor movement would be dominated by both.

Significantly, Dubinsky and Woll were the only two AFL leaders who then issued public statements welcoming Lewis' proposal.

Quick action by President Murray and the CIO's affiliates, exposed the move as not for unity but to strengthen the appeasement forces in labor circles.

The alternative put forward by Murray was the start of negotiations on a democratic basis, with strengthening of labor's part in the war was the principal objective. This soon developed with the present AFL and CIO negotiators named.

A LINE OF SABOTAGE
This was not, however, the type of unity that Woll and Hutcheson desired. Their line, therefore, was to sabotage every unity step. Negotiations, for that reason, have been stalemated since last summer. An agreement to settle jurisdictional disputes through a joint arbitration machinery, has had only paper value because the controlling Hutcheson-Woll clique has blocked its application.

Falling to engineer matters so that Lewis is the "negotiator" for the CIO, the Woll-Hutcheson crowd set their efforts to paving the way for him into the AFL. There was much talk last October as the mine union voted at its Cincinnati convention to leave CIO ranks, of Lewis applying immediately to rejoin the AFL.

At Toronto, where the AFL was simultaneously holding its annual convention, there appeared much pressure against admitting Lewis. This was reflected in a statement of William Green, who said that

participation of Lewis in his proposed general unity conference would "only widen the breach between the AFL and CIO" and that he "has no place" in any conference.

The Daily Worker was then the only newspaper to point to the dangerous Woll-Hutcheson-Lewis combination that was taking shape. Its Oct. 9 editorial said:

"Lewis found himself isolated in the CIO, which was otherwise united on this program of full support to the war policies of the administration. Unable to make any headway there, Lewis is now leading in the direction of the AFL. There, he, no doubt, hopes to form an alliance with his old American First colleagues, William L. Hutcherson of the Carpenters' Union, and with other anti-war elements to try to influence the AFL in the direction of sabotaging the nation's war program."

WRECKERS SPEED PLANS
Since last October the wreck-the-home front alliance was taking more definite shape. The rapid culmination of the war to a decisive stage speeded their plans, too. For the basic objective of the promoters was disruption of the United Nations and national unity.

Dubinsky's Alter-Ehrlich campaign dovetailed perfectly into this program. It furnished another weapon for opening a breach in the CIO. Such individuals as James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the CIO; Reuther, Emil Rieve, president of the Textile Workers' Union, and Sam Eubanks, executive vice-president of the American Newspaper Guild, joined in the anti-Soviet campaign. Soon they took further steps under the guidance of Dubinsky's Social-Democrats, that brought them on common ground with the defeatists on other issues.

The climax in the situation upon which an open hand was forced came with the crisis in the coal dispute and the President's hold-the-line order. Woll, Hutcheson and Dubinsky (who already called one general strike in the dress industry) looked, with interest as Lewis set his sights for a general strike that was to smash labor's no-strike agreement and the WLB. The labor movement was to be stamped into a "revolt" against the President. The strategy was carefully conceived to sweep confused people off their feet. The entire emphasis was to be put on economic grievances and charge them up to the President, not the defeatists and "farm-bloc" in Congress who block his stabilization program.

Matthew Woll practically drew the entire picture of the plan in his statement to the Times (May 11), in which he expressed full agreement with Lewis on smashing the WLB, scuttling price-control and organizing an anti-Roosevelt "unity" in labor's ranks. Woll also projected a war on "Communism" as a basis for this unity. Thus, in full accord with the "regular" defeatist line, supporters of the President and the war are to be fought as "Communists."

The first big blow at the Lewis-Hutcheson-Woll-Dubinsky Axis was dealt last week-end when the CIO's extraordinary conference repudiated their strike plans by a unanimous vote and gave full confidence to the leadership of Philip Murray.

The main center now shifts to the AFL. Its executive council, too, adopted a statement declaring that the no-strike agreement was "unconditional." But with Green's announcement of the Lewis re-entry application there came also the interpretation that each affiliate of the AFL will apply no-strike if it sees fit.

The question now is will the AFL membership permit this conspiracy to go through? Will war supporters such as Daniel Tobin of the teamsters and Harvey Brown of the machinists rise to the occasion?

Correction

Due to an unfortunate technical error the article entitled "Probe of YCL Helps Nazis, Board Told" in yesterday's Daily Worker omitted an important sentence from the letter by Carl Ross, YCL State President to Dr. Tead, chairman of the Board of Higher Education.

The story should have read:

"But the resolution to 'investigate' rather than 'bar' the Young Communist League is appeasement of the same reactionary enemies of our progressive educational system and of the national unity and war effort of the nation. Already the investigation is interpreted by some, including the reactionary press, as a move aimed at excluding the Young Communist League among students attending the City Colleges."

"Such an interpretation is in no way different than the position of Dr. Lombardo who is reputed to represent the opinion of the Faculty of the City College, known for his association with the reactionary, anti-Semitic and defeatist Christian Front."

Watch Congress

The Connally bill (S 796), passed last week in the Senate, went through to the House without hearings, without testimony and without a chance for labor to tell what the bill meant.

The bill is now the Smith-Connally bill, with all the union-busting features that Howard Smith, polltaxer and labor-hater from Virginia, thought up when he tried unsuccessfully to pass the Smith bill two years ago.

At the time of writing, the Smith-Connally bill was headed for a quick House vote. If it passes, President Roosevelt should be strongly urged to veto it.

BILL	WHAT IT DOES	WHERE IT IS	ACTION
Smith-Connally (S 796)	Knocks out NLRA, War Labor Board, slashes union rights.	Out of House Committee, headed for floor and vote.	If passed, appeal to President for a veto.
McKellar (S 975)	Hampstrings U. S. war agencies by putting employees under pork barrel patronage.	Out of Senate Judiciary Committee, ready for floor vote.	Write your two Senators, urge defeat in interest of war efficiency.
Smith (HR. 1214)	Prohibits political activities of unions.	In House Judiciary Committee, hearings under polltaxer Sam Hobbs.	Wire your Representative against.

Note: The polltax repeal Discharge Petition (DP 3) has all 218 signatures, and the bill comes up May 24. Wire your Representative, urge him to be on the floor that day, to vote against any and all amendments, vote for the bill. Start writing your two Senators for early Senate passage.

House Passes 29 Billion Navy Appropriations

WASHINGTON, May 20 (UP).—The House today passed the \$29,000,000,000 naval appropriation bill, not a single dissenting vote was recorded.

Melton Sets Cards Back 2nd Time in 4 Days, 5-2

Rube Wins Again as Dodgers Even Series, Beat Mort Cooper; Billy Herman Knocks in Three Runs

By C. E. Dexter

Old Rube Melton took to the mound yesterday for the second time within four days against the Cardinals and made himself the hero of Brooklyn by trimming the St. Louis World Champions, 5-3, to put the Dodgers three games ahead of the Redbirds once again. . . . The victory also evened the season series to date at two games apiece and saved the Dodgers a lot of heartaches over an early collapse.

Melton was in high form, despite the fact that he had trimmed the Cards on Monday in a twilight game. The victory was twice as sweet because the Dodgers had the pleasure of seeing their nemesis, Mort Cooper, get "credited" for the defeat.

The Dodgers went off to an early three run lead in the first inning, staved off the Cards' rally in the 4th and then tallied once more in the 5th and once again in the 7th to clinch things rather securely.

With the score 3-0 in the fourth the Cards rallied rather menacingly when Melton lost his control. After singles by Sanders and Kurowski and a base on balls, Rube walked Mort Cooper and Lou Klein to force in two runs and create a panic in the Dodger bullpen. . . . But he pulled out of it by getting Harry Walker to pop an easy fly with the bases loaded and that was the end of that.

The Dodgers came right back with one in the 5th on singles by Vaughan and Walker, a walk to Waner and a balk by Mort Cooper. . . . Then in the 7th they added their last tally when Dolf Camilli came through with his first hit of the day—a booming triple off the scoreboard which travelled some 378 feet. He came in when Billy Herman's long fly ball dropped safely between Debs Garms and Harry Walker for a double. . . . It should have been an error.

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LEFTY GOMEZ

League Will Miss My Slugging, Says Lefty

By Nat Low

Lefty Gomez left the Braves yesterday—after drawing an unconditional release—but his spirit lingers on with the amazing Sten-gliemen.

The former Yankee ace was sold to the Braves this past winter and it was expected that he would be able to win some ten games in the National League after spending all of his baseball life with the Bombers in the American League. But Lefty never did get into a game with the club he had become an integral part of the team, his wonderful sense of humor and his knowledge of the game being imparted to the youngsters of Casey Stengel who are in second place in the National League and who have won seven straight games against the visiting western clubs.

Lefty was ever-present in the Boston dugout, riding opposition players and gassing all afternoon long. But he didn't pitch much and win. The Braves pitcher-rich it was known sooner or later Lefty would be cast loose. Yesterday, as the team was preparing to leave for the ball park, Gomez was told the story. With his usual good grace and humor he quipped about how the National League would miss his slugging (Lefty of course is the world's worst hitter), but under all the lightness was a heavy heart as he packed away his uniform for the last time. . . .

We hope Lefty gets hooked up with another team—the league can use a man like him—even if it just for his sense of humor. Good Luck, Lefty. As a hitter you were some pitcher.

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CAMP BEACON

Tonight at the Garden

Beau Jack 8-5 to Beat Bob Montgomery in Title Fight

By Bill Mardo

Established as an 8-5 favorite, young Beau Jack is the magnet expected to draw a near capacity crowd of 18,000 fight-starved citizens into the Garden tonight, to watch him make his first title defense against dangerous and durable Bob Montgomery in a scheduled 15-round slugfest.

The slight odds offered by wise men along Jacobs Beach is typical of the much supported sentiment that the windmill lightweight king is in for a rough evening at the hands of his highly formidable foe. Montgomery's ability is attested to by the facts showing him to have come out second-best in only six out of 59 bouts. Mixing with 125 lb. champs is no novelty to Bob, as his three appearances against Sammy Angott and two scraps with Lew Jenkins when those lads held the title, proves.

A plodding, body-banging offensive is Montgomery's method. Never knocked out during his career, Montgomery's tactics tonight will probably be to get in close to Beau and flail away at the mid-section. Bob is confident that he can weather the thunder that lies in Beau Jack's rocking right uppercut just as he sampled the best that Lew Jenkins had to offer without any ill-effects. . . .

For Beau Jack, tonight's match means the opportunity to answer those skeptics who still deny his greatness. Some have sniped at the soft-spoken Georgia lad by claiming his fighting equipment has a faulty engine—that he runs out of gas in the closing rounds and is due for a fall over the 15-round distance. . . .

But Beau has a way of notching win after win despite the carpers. Indeed, his hand has yet to be lowered in defeat once during the past two years. Beau Jack is young, and is learning the tricks of his trade the hard way—in the heat of battle. Proper pacing will come to him as a result of consistent campaigning, just as he learned to develop his left hand into one of the fastest jabbing jewels observed in recent years. . . .

This evening's setto shapes up as a hard-fought and interesting battle. Montgomery is aiming to go back to Philadelphia a champion—and Beau Jack desires to stay just where he is . . . on top of the world.

The supporting program consists of four six-round events and an opening four. . . . Paired in the six-round bouts are Marvin Bryant, Dallas, Texas, and Mayon Faldo, Philadelphia, welterweights; George Kochan, Akron, Ohio, and Johnny Seeman, Boston, middleweights; Freddie Added, Brooklyn, and Johnny Price, Montreal, lightweights; Jerry Fiorelli, Brooklyn, and Freddie Flores, Jamaica, L.I., welterweights. The four brings together Oscar

More Roundup
SAN JUAN, P. R.—Sixty Escobar, who twice held the world's bantamweight boxing championship, will enter the Army in June, he disclosed yesterday.

Escobar won American recognition as bantam king in 1935 by knocking out Lou Salica and became undisputed champion by knocking out Tony Marino in 1936. He lost it the following year to Harry Jeffra and regained it in 1938. He relinquished the crown in 1939 because he was unable to make the 118-pound limit.

Dan Ferris, secretary-treasurer of the National Amateur Athletic Union said yesterday that tentative plans for Swedish distance runner Gundar Hag called for him to compete at Chicago on June 26 and Los Angeles, July 3.

Boston has requested permission to feature Hag in a meet the last weekend in July, Ferris said, and Pittsburgh has bid for the week-end following the Chicago meet.

Ferris said that all dates except Hag's initial appearance, at Randall's Island in the national championships on June 19 and 20, were so far tentative and his program was largely up to the Swedish star's desires.

WHAT'S ON
RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and Worker are 25c per line (6 words to a line—3 times minimum). DEADLINE: Daily at Noon. For Sunday, Wednesday at 4 P.M.

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POSTERS ISSUED by the British Communist Party now on in the Workers Book Shop, 30 E. 12th St., N.Y.C.

Tonight
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INTERPRETATION OF THE WEEK: Review of the News by Morris U. Schappes, 8-40 P.M. Includes review of Dr. Howard Seaman's new book, "Socialism and Ethics." School for Democracy, 13 Astor Place. Admission 25c.

POP! DANCING, social dancing. New dance music system, refreshments, game, 8-10 P.M. "New Polk Dance Studio," 41 E. 21st St. Sub. 25c.

Coming
MEET Woody Guthrie, author and troubadour, at social get-together of Workers School students and friends. Refreshments free. Music and high jinx. Sunday, May 23, 4-7 P.M. 82 E. 13th St. 1st floor. Sub. 40c.

Low, Mardo in Agreement—Beau to Win

Sports Editor Nat Low and Bill Mardo buried their differences yesterday by selecting Beau Jack to beat Bob Montgomery in the 15-round bout for the lightweight title tonight. . . . To date Low has hit 26 out of 28 fights smack on the nose—Mardo had not done quite as well. . . . The boys say it will be a decision after a fairly tough battle.

Wright, Washington, D. C., lightweight, and Ruby Garcia, of Harlem. . . .

Indications are that a near-capacity crowd will witness tonight's show. Tickets are priced at \$1.15 general admission; \$3.50, \$5.50, \$7.75, \$7.75, and \$11.50 for reserved seats.

The New York Cubans, undefeated in Negro National League play to date, will face the Baltimore Elite Giants, last year's runners up for the title, Sunday in the second Ruppert Cup double-header at Yankee Stadium. Three teams are unbeaten in the Negro National League facing its second week-end of play. The others are the Homestead Grays, 1943 champions, and the Newark Eagles. The St. Louis Harrisburg Stars have yet to make their debut.

The week-end schedule:
Saturday: Homestead Grays at Philadelphia Stars; Baltimore Elite Giants vs. Yankees at Trenton; Newark Eagles vs. St. Louis at Peterson, New Jersey.

Sunday: Baltimore Elite Giants vs. New York Cubans at Yankee Stadium; St. Louis Harrisburg Stars at Newark Eagles; Homestead Grays vs. Philadelphia Stars at Griffith Stadium, Washington, D. C.

CHICAGO.—Philip K. Wrigley, president and owner of the Chicago Cubs, yesterday denied reports that he intends to resign as president of Chicago's National League baseball club.

"There is nothing to that rumor—it's all false," Wrigley said. "Why should I resign?"

Another report, which Wrigley also denied, indicated that he would name Judge John A. Sharbaro, chief justice of the criminal court of Cook County, as his successor.

"That's ridiculous," Wrigley said. "Judge Sharbaro is quite upset by the report. He has a pretty good job right now, you know. I also wish to deny that Judge Sharbaro ever was counsel for me or for my ball club, as the report stated."

"The first thing we knew about this was when we read it in the paper."

CLEVELAND.—Promoter Larry Atkins announced yesterday that Jimmy Elvins, NBA light-heavyweight champion, will defend his title June 8 against Lloyd Marshall in a 15-round fight at Cleveland Stadium.

The title go between the two Cleveland Negroes was assured when Marshall trounced Anton Christoforidis, former NBA champion, whom Elvins barely nosed out for the duration title.

Eden Pledges Bombing of Nazis to Go On
LONDON, May 20 (UP).—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said in a speech today that Germany was now being bombed around the clock and around the map and that the Allies intended to keep bombing it day and night without respite until the war had been won.

"Nor will Mussolini be forgotten," he promised.

Addressing a Conservative Party conference, in a follow-up speech to the address by Prime Minister Winston Churchill to a joint session of Congress in Washington Wednesday, Eden reviewed the last six months of the war.

In that time, he said, the Axis had suffered major strategic defeats on all fronts and had sustained losses in men and material which it could never replace.

GIVES WAR REVIEW
"In several of our recent raids on the Ruhr," Eden said of the air war on Germany, "we have dropped a bomb tonnage even greater than was dropped in the 1,000 plane raid on Cologne last year, which was a tonnage three times as heavy as was ever dropped on any British city."

"Today the enemy has been completely expelled from all Africa," Eden said.

In Russia, on the southern flank, the Axis forces besieging Stalingrad have been destroyed with a completeness unparalleled in the whole history of the German army. The whole Caucasus has been swept clear of the enemy except for a small area of the Kuban where the battle is still raging. Farther north in Russia huge territories have been recaptured by the indomitable Red Army.

"In the Far East China has maintained her steadfast resistance to the Japanese invader and meanwhile the Allied forces in the South Pacific have brought Japanese expansion to an end and have begun the task of reconquest."

On April 23, the members of the Gorkhikha collective farm in the Yaroslavl region addressed an appeal to the Soviet peasantry calling on every village to plant a dozen acres under spring wheat and raise extra cattle over and above the plan for the Defense Fund and for relief to the people in the liberated area. The Gorkhikha members undertook to sow 60 acres under grain with their own seed.

LOWDOWN

Monty Good, But Not Good Enough to Take Title from Beau Jack Tonight

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Silver-thatched Freddy Ellis was sitting at his drawing board doing his daily cartoon when we burst in yesterday morning with our usual cheerful salutation.

Then, with the formalities over, we got down to the business of the day. "Freddy, you gonna go to the fight tomorrow?" we asked.

Without even bothering to look up our cartoonist replied with a trace of scorn in his voice, "What's the sense of going to a fight when you know beforehand who's going to win? Beau Jack'll murder him. . . . But good."

That's the way our Ellis speaks. He always ends an emphatic statement with "But good."

Brother Ellis is correct when he says Beau Jack will win, but we don't think he is correct when he says Beau will "murder" Bob Montgomery. Nobody "murders" Monty—at least not a lightweight.

When Beau Jack and Bob Montgomery climb through the ropes tonight to battle it out for the lightweight championship of the world it will be no slaughter Monty will be heading into. Beau figures to beat him like he has beaten every other fighter he has faced these past 12 or so months—but he will not have an easy job doing it.

We know what Beau is capable of. He is the best little fighter in the business today (Ray Robinson is his superior but Ray is in the Army now and is doing a different kind of fighting). So the burden of proof lies not on his shoulders. The man who is on the spot is Bob Montgomery and we have an idea Monty may be storing up, for the greatest try of his boxing career.

The quiet, pleasant-faced Negro youngster from Philadelphia who is the father of an infant daughter has been fighting for some five years and this is the do-or-die battle for him. At one time Monty was being heralded as another Henry Armstrong, but never quite lived up to the tough assignment. But he is a highly capable scrapper who can hit hard enough to knock out an ordinary guy and can take a punch better than most. We have looked through the records and they show that Monty has never been kayoed. In fact, nobody in the boxing game can remember him ever being on the canvas even for a knock-down.

Monty Tenacious
Monty relies mostly upon his bustling activity to wear down his opponents. He has a good left hook but his right cross is not the crunching type which will put away a foe. Monty must wear down and finally exhaust his man to gain a knockout. This tenaciousness wins many fights against less hardy folk than Beau Jack—but even against Beau it will prove hard to handle. A guy who leans on your chest for 15 full rounds, belting away merrily and takes a good punch on the whiskers, cannot help but be pestiferous.

But Monty doesn't have the speed to stay with Beau for any length of time. You have to see Beau to believe him. He was born with a talent for speed that would have made Jesse Owens envious. And this tremendous speed makes for an awkwardness which rebounds to Beau's advantage for his opponents are at a loss to know what will happen next. Beau will cock his right hand as if to throw a lightning cross and while the other fighter is getting set to ward that off the Negro champion will let fly with a left hook that will figuratively tear his head off. And this is done almost every round. Beau's most famed blow is his uppercut or Bolo Punch which is thrown in lightning rapidity and has directly resulted in most of his kayoes. It was just such a blow to the jaw that stiffened Tippy Larkin in the third round last winter. If you saw that lethal blow you will readily understand why fighters fear it.

Beau Adaptable
But Beau is much more than a hard puncher and speedy kid. He is highly adaptable to every situation—in this direct contrast to the implied inuendoes that Beau's ability to think for himself is nil. Joe Williams and his ilk can write teams of copy about Beau's mediocrity—but this kid has made them eat their words—not once but many times. Beau, like Joe Louis, has never had any formal education and as a natural result of this has never learned to read or write. This, the reactionaries in sport mistake (?) for stupidity or lack of intelligence. But like Louis, Beau has a great deal of native intelligence and he applies this wonderfully to his fights.

This application to actual problems is the highest sign of intelligence as any mentor will agree.

So while Beau may not be able to read Joe Williams' column (a fortunate handicap in this respect) he is able to use his native intelligence in the business he has decided to follow.

This business is fighting and he is terrific at it. Go see him tonight, he's worth seeing. . . . Beau by a decision in 15 rounds.

Giraud Makes New Proposal To De Gaulle
LONDON, May 20 (UP).—Gen. Henri Honoré Giraud has proposed to Gen. Charles De Gaulle that they join in creating a pine-mane French unity committee, on which both would sit, and which would assemble immediately in Algiers, it was learned today.

It is understood the North African High Commissioner urged that both announce an "agreement in principle" involving the transfer of all powers of Giraud's North African administration and De Gaulle's French National Committee to the new group.

Its membership also would include four persons, two to be nominated by Giraud and two by De Gaulle, and these six would pick three additional members, bringing the committee membership to nine.

Although Giraud is meeting De Gaulle's request for conferences in Algiers, abandoning previous proposals that their initial meeting be held elsewhere in North Africa, it appears that other important differences persist. It is understood that De Gaulle, in his last note to Giraud, advocated that military commanders, meaning Giraud, be excluded from the new French central authority.

(General De Gaulle put forth his views more in detail in an article in the current issue of Free World, liberal monthly, published in New York. As reported by United Press, he said, "A free world in which liberty is no longer a word but a reality and the essence of daily life for every man and every woman . . . is what the soldiers of the war fronts and the heroes of resistance in enslaved Europe are demanding with all their might.")

Bishop Hits Nazi Attack on Jews
BERNE, May 20 (ICN).—The Catholic Bishop of Zagreb, in the German puppet state of Croatia, has sharply attacked the effort to forcibly Catholicize the Jewish population.

Ante Pavelitch, the puppet dictator and leader of the Ustaal (fascist Croats) has recently declared severe persecutions of the Jews, forcing them to become members of the church.

The Zagreb bishop in reply, attacked German racial theories, and declared from the pulpit: "No power in the world has the right to persecute a people because of racial differences. That is why Catholic priests will ruthlessly fight such decrees."

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CHANGE THE WORLD

There Can Be No Peace
For America While the
Anti-Communist Lie Prevails

By MIKE GOLD

Communists, of course, are the chief target of reactionary abuse. By now, Communists have been accused of every disaster in American history, including the Chicago fire and the novels of Gypsy Rose Lee.

As Hitler has ably demonstrated, if you repeat a lie, often enough, there will always be a horde of stupid apes to believe.

And this German animal is going to pay heavily for having believed the Nazi lie regarding Jews, Communists, liberals and the non-Aryan majority.

Let us hope, work and pray that Americans may not fall into the same degenerate confusion, or be forced to pay some great bitter price at the end.

For the national lie against the Communists is dangerous to the future of our country as the Reichstag fire frameup and similar myths have been to Germany.

Only the other day Mrs. Roosevelt again lent her name and liberal prestige to the lie. She assured a congress of youthful students that though Americans may cooperate with Russian Communists to win victory over fascism, it was impossible to cooperate with American Communists. These were outlaws who did not believe in democratic practices, etc., etc., she said.

Mrs. Roosevelt had nothing to back up her assertion. Communists are not against voting, running for office, joining organizations, or any other form of democratic activity.

Mrs. Roosevelt merely stated a poisoned prejudice. Had it been said about Jews by Nazis, or about Catholics by Ku Kluxers, it could not have been any more groundless in real fact.

If you examine the anti-Communist myth as broadcast in such statements, you will find it has most of the usual elements of the ancient lie that is always loaded upon some national scapegoat.

The same vague, vast charges are made of violence, dark conspiracies, alien psychology, allegiance to some foreign cause, unethical practices, cruelty, callous lack of humanity, and so on.

They create a bogey man and call it Communism, just as they have called other bogeymen the "Negro mugger," or the "international Jewish banker," or the "New Deal revolutionist."

It is curious to read back in history and to find that Jefferson and his followers were called by exactly the same epithets that Mrs. Roosevelt and others today have used against the modern Communists.

Similarly, the Abolitionists who fought against chattel slavery were abused, persecuted, jailed and pursued by stupid mobs led by respectable citizens. These anti-slavery people were the Communists of the Civil War epoch. Today we know that Abolitionists were as decent as other folk, and not the skulking, unbelieved assassins and conspirators that the christy slaveowners made them out to be.

There can be no peace for America, no peace for the world, while the anti-Communist lie prevails.

Anyone has the right to resist and fight Communism. But nobody has the right to create such confusion in the people's camp that democracy is left slain in the house of her friends, and fascism holds the palms of victory.

Only a few weeks after Mrs. Roosevelt's successful lie against Communists such results followed as the firing of Robert Moses Lovett by a red-baiting Congress. Mr. Lovett is a fine liberal of the old Jeffersonian tradition. He is exactly the sort of "Communist" that Mrs. Roosevelt can be accused of being. By her red-baiting, Mrs. Roosevelt makes it possible that men like Lovett are hounded out of public life. She divides the forces that could resist the reactionaries and fascists.

What would happen in the underground of Europe if red-baiting were still to prevail among liberals? Easily half of the best anti-Nazi fighters are Communists. Only a Nazi would wish to drive them out of the democratic army. But the fighting liberals, Socialists, and democrats of underground Europe have long since shed all such stupid and suicidal prejudice. There is a united front among the people of Europe. But America, still fat and smug, can afford to dabble in the diabolical politics of the Dubinskys and Mrs. Roosevelt.

'More the Merrier'

Wraps Important Message in Fun

By Naomi Byron

In a fast-moving, rollicking comedy on the housing situation in Washington, "The More the Merrier" hits another bull's eye for more and better war films. It will cause the proponents of escape themes for tired war workers to run, at least temporarily, for cover.

Moved by patriotism to sublet his apartment, Jean Arthur finds herself with two gentlemen tenants, Charles Coburn and Joel McCrea. Complications ensue when Jean falls in love with Joel while being engaged to the substantial \$2,000 a year bureaucrat, Richard Gaines. Joel and Jean are egged on by Coburn, who does a swell job as a romantic, redtape buster and yodeler.

No punches are pulled on the middle-headed smug bureaucrats who hold back vital war planning. Coburn plays a reformed millionaire who has come to Washington to push a project which will build houses near the plants where war workers are employed. He encounters the objections of Jean's fiancé who knows the ins and outs of the housing situation, but can't see further than his beloved fiancé's legal limitations. Coburn smashes the objections with the clinch argument that his plan will boost production and therefore must be used.

Everybody Has a Soft Spot for Jean

If you've a soft spot for Jean Arthur the picture is twice as good. And by all means hear Coburn tell how Jimmy Doolittle "dood his duty and dood it good," in a ditty which should be heard again.

On the same bill at the Music Hall is a March of Time presentation "Inside Fascist Spain." Although all the shots were approved by the Franco dictatorship, the commentary together with the scenes of poverty and fascist regimentation leave no impression favorable to Franco. Children being brought up in the fascist method, with military drill, parades and lectures; Republican prisoners forced to give the fascist salute; water soup for starving women and children; the building of roads, public buildings and housing for fascist of-

Carl Van Doren, noted historian and recent Pulitzer prize winner, will be international host on the New York Philharmonic-Symphony series, starting Sunday, May 23 on Columbia network. The Philharmonic program, which will be presented at 3:00 P. M. every Sunday for 55 weeks, is sponsored by the U. S. Rubber Co.

Truth Breaks Path Into Jewish Theatre With 'Stalingrad Play'

By Michael Singer

In a small but important way history was made in the Jewish theatre Sunday, May 9, at the Parkway Theatre in Brooklyn. The first showing of "The Woman From Stalingrad" broke through the almost impenetrable barrier of Jewish theatrical precedent—drama, comedy, pathos, immigrant stories, from-rags-to-riches heroics, boy-meets-girl and vice versa scripts; almost everything but the momentous news of modern times.

And here was a new kind of Jewish play, a story of a woman from Stalingrad, a dramatic display of a great ally and a great nation—but more, an appeal for Jewish-American unity behind the struggle of their best friends: the Soviet people. In doing this "The Woman From Stalingrad" helped rip to shreds the evil shrouds of defeatism conjured up by the Forward Soviet-baiters, the Dubinsky Social Democrats and the host of malignant "we-hate-Russia-more-than-we-hate-Hitler" drum beaters among the Jewish people.

Proved that Jewish Audiences Want Truth

Jacob Bergreen, youthful actor and playwright, has done the Jewish people and the cause of victory a great service. He has done even more; he has at last proven to stubborn and unimaginative Jewish impresarios that the Jewish audience wants a new will respond to stories that reflect the most important issues in their lives—that of destroying Hitlerism and surviving as a race.

Bergreen's inspiration for the play was Valentina Orlikova, heroic Soviet woman ship captain, whose visit to America a few months back was another stirring link in U. S. Soviet unity, Orlikova's charm, quiet courage, brilliant exploits and words of hope and promise warmed all who met her in this country. "The Woman From Stalingrad" tells of such a Soviet woman hero who comes to the States, finds an uncle through the efforts of the Jewish press, discovers that his son has been killed in the service and by her message of victory instills in her courage and life into the hearts of the bereaved parents.

The spirit of the play is summed up in the following passage when Dina Halpern, playing the part of the allied writer, tells how her husband was killed at Stalingrad after taking the lives of 80 Nazis.

JACOB BERGREEN

"Our one and their 80. It was worth it."

And in this sentence life begins again for the uncle, for all the Jews who permitted themselves to be sloughed into despair and pitying defeatism by the false bigots and blind haters of the Soviet Union among the Jewish people.

Jacob Bergreen is a talented actor, a skillful playwright who believes such a message is vital for the Jews today. "I hope 'The Woman From Stalingrad' will do its share in welding unity among the Jewish people here," he says.

His main purpose in writing the play was to show that the Jews—of all the groups and races—should be the first to recognize and join the struggle of the Soviet Union against Nazism. Of all the nations, Bergreen points out, none has been a greater friend, none has contributed so much to Jewish life, culture and hope for existence as the Soviets. "The Woman From Stalingrad" deserves a wide audience. It will be sniped at as 'propaganda' much as 'Mission to Moscow' and 'Counter-Attack' have been slandered. But the Jewish people, the Jewish trade union workers, Jewish cultural and civic and fraternal organizations, whose stake in the war is that of an entire race, should flock to this play, support it to the hilt because it is a play not alone of the Soviet Union but of the Jewish people and their fate.

Bergreen's skill as an actor is pretty well established; his talent as a playwright is evident. But if he does nothing else, he will have recorded for himself a prominent place in Jewish theatre for a new kind of Jewish drama: the kind that demands the Jews learn who their friends are and who are their enemies.

Their very lives are at stake in knowing that.

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Their Real Purpose



Churchill's Speech

IT IS unfortunate that at this late date the Prime Minister of England in a speech to the American Congress had to reiterate and reemphasize the main strategy of the war, which had already been decided over a year ago. If Mr. Churchill had to do this, and it was necessary, it is because of the desperate attempt of anti-United Nations circles, such as the group whose spokesman is Senator Chandler, to force a change in our policy of concentrating our major blows against Hitler now.

In clearly repudiating such pressures and in restating the accepted strategy, the Prime Minister made an important contribution to the winning of the war. The defeatist and "Pacific First" groups suffered a severe blow, when Churchill made it clear that there would be no departure from the view re-adopted at the Casablanca Conference that "while the defeat of Japan would not mean the defeat of Germany, the defeat of Germany would infallibly mean the ruin of Japan." As the Prime Minister stated, this does not exclude—indeed, it requires—the stepping up of aid to China and of military action against Japan in accordance with the world strategy of the United Nations.

Another highly important aspect of the speech is the warning that one of the gravest dangers we face is the undue prolongation of the war. The companion thesis to the position advocated by Senator Chandler and his disruptive group is that the war must be prolonged in Europe by postponing second front action so as to "force" Britain and the Soviet Union to participate in the Far Eastern phase of the war. In showing that the main hope of both Germany and Japan to avert defeat is to drag out the war until the United Nations are tired or split, the Prime Minister gave the answer to the Chandlers, the Bullitts, the Wheelers and all those working for the prolongation of the war, whose position and whose acts play directly into the hands of Hitler.

Indeed, it is the main hope of the defeatists and appeasers in this country to delay decisive military action against Hitler in Europe long enough to permit a defeat of the Roosevelt administration forces and their policies in the 1944 elections. The defeatists, as well as the forces of reaction, feed upon every delay in the opening of a second front. Their objective is to create the conditions for a negotiated peace with Hitler through a political victory within the country. These maneuvers, in which John L. Lewis fully shares, are a major danger to the victory not only of our country but of all the United Nations.

In carrying through the major strategy of the war, speed and the coordination of the military action of the whole anti-Hitler Coalition are therefore imperative. The Prime Minister did a real service when he urged that Britain and America retain a sense of proportion with respect to the North African victory. He pointed out that the main burden of the war on land (and this is decisive) is being borne by the Red Army. He showed that while the Red Army is holding no fewer than 190 German divisions and 28 satellite divisions, the combined Anglo-American-French forces in Tunisia accounted for only 15 divisions. This comparison very clearly shows what has to be done.

Churchill also warned that Hitler is getting ready for a third major offensive on the Eastern Front. Expressing confidence that Hitler will not succeed in his objective, he at the same time urged that the Anglo-American forces must "take more of the weight off Russia in 1943."

But the only way to do this is by the immediate launching of a major second front

in Europe, making the most effective use of the vast accumulation of Allied troops and equipment and of the cooperation of the oppressed European peoples. This is the only way to avoid the "undue prolongation" of the war, to avoid the dangers arising from the maneuvers of the defeatists and appeasers in our country, to assure the speedy "unconditional surrender" of Hitler and the Axis.

This, therefore, remains the central question of the war, with which labor and the people must increasingly concern themselves. To let down for a moment on public pressure for the immediate second front is to leave the field open for the defeatists and the caution-mongers, is to permit them to spread their influence into wider circles. Labor and the people must drastically intensify their efforts to mobilize popular support for the main war strategy of our Commander-in-Chief. They must step up the mass movement for the launching of the second front immediately.

Harlem Rightly Resents

INQUIRY among the people of Harlem has disclosed how devoted they are to our country in the war. But it has also brought out how much they resent—and rightly so—the whole arrangement of a "Negro quota" in the June selective service inductions.

In yesterday's Daily Worker there appeared interviews with a number of Negro citizens on a Harlem street-corner. All of those to whom our reporter talked were sincerely concerned with promoting victory for the United States and the United Nations. They expressed appreciation of what such a gain over Hitlerite fascism would bring to all America. With equal fervor of feeling, however, they were of the strong opinion that the 20 per cent allocation for New York Negroes "does not make sense."

In that judgment they are more than correct. The setting up of a "Negro quota" in the New York inductions is an undemocratic extension of the discrimination which abounds in too many other fields. The entire spirit of this anti-Axis war presses for an end of all segregation; it opposes all attempts to make of any group of citizens, and particularly the Negro people, political pariahs or men and women with second-class rights.

New Yorkers will be able to express themselves on this matter at the Madison Square Garden meeting of June 7, which prominent Negro organizations are sponsoring. That meeting's purpose is to arouse America to the patriotic duty of abolishing discrimination—in our factories and camps, on our battlefields and battlefronts.

Woodruff Bill

HAVE you heard of the Woodruff Bill? Very likely you had not until you read yesterday's Daily Worker. From that account we hope you came to appreciate how vital it is that you and your union see that it is defeated in the current Congress.

There has been a silence on this anti-labor measure in other newspapers. There has been practically no discussion of it in Washington. There is, then, a real possibility that it may be slipped through the House and then the Senate, because it will not be taken seriously by labor.

Under this measure, however, the unions would be opened up to new inquisitions, to new penalties on their "non-citizen" members and to division between the Canadian and American trade unionists. The bill, under the guise of prohibiting non-citizens from taking union office, in reality aims to strafe and stifle the union movement.

What are you doing to let your Congressman know that it must be defeated?

THEY'RE SAYING IN WASHINGTON

Munichmen at it Again

By Adam Lapin

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IT WAS like old home week in the Senate on Monday. The boys who used to say pretty frankly before Pearl Harbor that Hitler wasn't such a bad guy and that the real menace is the spread of Communism in Europe were on their feet again, talking for all they were worth.

They were only slightly less frank than they used to be in the good old days of Munich. As Senator Wheeler put it, "Communism will be very likely to spread throughout Europe" after the war, and the United States "will not be in a very good position" to resist Soviet demands unless Japan is defeated now while the Soviet Union is permitted to fight alone on the Eastern Front.

Wheeler was joined by other old guard Munichers who spoke along the same line, by Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri, by Henryk Shipstead, the Minnesota Farmer-Laborite turned Republican, by David Ignatius Walsh of Massachusetts, and by the Chicago Tribune's own Curley Brooks.

But Wheeler and his boys were just sort of a Greek chorus, pointing out the highlights of a lengthy speech by Happy Chandler, the chubby, red-cheeked Kentucky Senator. The old-time isolationists were only too glad to see Chandler take leadership in the best Japan first movement. They are pretty well tagged for what they are. Chandler is a relative newcomer to the defeatist front.

MONDAY'S performance was obviously well-planned. It was a demonstration designed to pressure the President and Churchill into changing the basic strategy of the war.

Out of the full-dress debate in the Senate on whether our military plans should be changed to provide for all-out concentration against Japan one thing emerged very clearly. The best-Japan-first drive is primarily anti-Soviet in intent. And admittedly so.

Happy Chandler was almost as outspoken on this point as Wheeler himself: "If we do not press the

war against Japan, and if we push in and finish the war with Germany very quickly, I hate to think how little influence the President of the United States will have when Russia and Great Britain begin to develop their spheres of influence on the continent of Europe."

The point is pretty clear. The Soviet Union will be too strong if Hitler is defeated now. We must let the Russians bleed some more, sacrificing additional millions of young men. Or so Chandler and the Soviet-haters would have us believe.

As this column has pointed out before, Happy Chandler is not an original thinker. And there is good reason to believe that he has been getting ideas for the best-Japan-first speeches which he has been making from some Army circles in Washington.

Senator Millard (more frequently called Milford) Tydings, the stuffed shirt corporation lawyer from Maryland, said he had "sort of a feeling" that the military leaders would prefer a strategy of concentration on the Pacific.

HAPPY CHANDLER chimed in to say that he had just the same kind of feeling, that he believed "the great majority of the high-ranking Army and Navy officers, who, after all must fight and must die for their country if the occasion comes, would like to do what I am urging." He even said that if this were done they "would go into the fight with a little more enthusiasm, if that were possible, and with a little more spirit of determination."

I do not believe that the great majority of our military officers favor the strategy of abandoning the great opportunities which now exist in Europe for smashing the Axis. And certainly I cannot believe that they are fighting Hitler with less enthusiasm than they would fight against Japan.

On the other hand, it does appear to be true that at least some Army and Navy officials are adherents of the best-Japan-first school and that they have been egging on Chandler and some of

his other colleagues in the Senate.

One thing that disturbed me was the exceptionally weak answer which Senators Scott Lucas of Illinois and Lister Hill of Alabama, the Democratic whip, made to Chandler's argument on behalf of the administration. They made only one point: that military decisions must be left to the military, that these are things which cannot be intelligently discussed by laymen. Lucas even suggested that maybe our strategy will be to concentrate in the Pacific. He objected to having the military pressured by civilians.

I am convinced that the Munichers who would advise our armed forces not to follow up the victories in North Africa with an assault on Europe will receive their answer in the next few weeks. I believe that the answer will be an invasion of Europe.

But in the meantime it seems to me that the best-Japan-first propaganda of the Munichers is dangerous enough and important enough to merit serious discussion from the administration and its supporters on why our main forces must now be turned against Hitlerism.

THERE are government officials here who believe that Hitler's grip on the Mediterranean has not been wholly broken with the victory in North Africa. There is always Franco Spain to contend with. It is reported here that there are some 60,000 German troops in Spanish Morocco, plus about 250,000 Spanish and Moroccan soldiers. This is, of course, a formidable force.

The bulk of Franco's army is still said to be concentrated in Southern Spain. Franco is reported to have recently inspected fortifications in the Gibraltar area. And the Spanish dictator has been making speeches in Southern Spain before Fascist audiences. He has been accompanied on his speaking tour by the leaders of the Falange who are most outspoken in demanding out-and-out military participation on the side of Hitler.

It is late for Hitler to move through Spain. But perhaps not too late. Meanwhile, we had better watch Franco closely.

Inside Austria--Letters to the Front

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(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, May 20.—Hundreds of letters sent by Austrian women to their husbands and sons on the Eastern Front testify that long before the announcement of the notorious "total mobilization" the Hitler Government had tried to squeeze the maximum amount of cannon fodder from little Austria, renamed Ostmark.

The letters found on Austrian soldiers killed or taken prisoner testify that the crisis in the Austrian countryside is sharpening as a result of the recent mass mobilization of the peasants.

"We are now engaged in clearing away the ice," wrote Maria Hieber from the township of Albrechtsberg to her husband, the infantryman Leopold Hieber (Field Post 26.961A) early in January. "But we are short of people for this work."

"In the last few days 75 per cent of the peasants hitherto exempt from service have been mobilized throughout the country."

"In the Spring I hope to get several foreigners for work in the fields as Austrian farmhands are no longer available since all of our men have suddenly been drafted into the army," reads a letter from Anna Hauser from Andorf to her son, Corporal Johann Hauser.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

"I wonder if you can tell me what will happen this year? We have no one at home. Who will do the work? My God, what have we come to?" complains the sister-in-law of Obercorporal Karl Denen in a letter to him on January 9, 1943.

Indeed, "who will do the work?" is the question often asked by thousands of overburdened, perplexed Austrian peasant women.

"We are told that in this decisive year of the war the women must themselves cope with the work in the fields," writes Maria Felner from Schoenbuehel to her husband, infantryman Josef Felner, in a letter of January 12, 1943.

"None but children and old people can be seen on our farm today," reads a letter received by a war prisoner, the Austrian soldier Karl P., from his mother in the township of Agsdorf.

"Tomorrow four more villagers are going to the Eastern Front," writes Anna Hubmaier from Grunex to her son Alois Hubmaier, a non-com. "Their wives and children will be helpless during the field work. Wherever you look you see gloomy faces, woe and ruin."

From the letter of a certain Emma from Gundendorf to her cousin Franz N., we learn that a peasant, Seiberer, hanged himself

in the township of Bergen when he received a notice to report for service. He left a wife and six children.

17-YEAR-OLDS TAKEN

To make matters worse, simultaneously with the draft of peasants (small and middle farmers), the beginning of this year saw the total mobilization of recruits of the 1936 class in the town and countryside. Part of the 17-year-old peasant lads were conscripted for labor and the rest for the army.

"Next week all communities are again ordered to deliver their horses, and again many peasants are being drafted into the army," writes the peasant woman Waisner from Wels to Corporal Alois Hummer. "Many peasants had their last son mobilized. For example, farmer Burner's fourth son is now mobilized and three of his sons have already been killed on the Eastern Front."

"Pepl Malner also had to leave on Wednesday; although his mother is on her death bed," a peasant woman, Mittenderfer, from Breitenwien writes to her son Obercorporal Hans Mittenderfer.

"Five hundred more Ennsfeld boys are obliged to leave for the front in a few days," writes Rosa Hopfinger from Hirtenberg to her brother Private Alfred Hopfinger.

"It's simply incredible to send such children to war," reads a letter from Misl Gruber from Spratzern to her uncle, Corporal Anton Redl. "They run as soon as they hear a bullet whistle by, and it is probably true that during a battle they frequently cry for their mother."

A SAD END

"Your brother was also taken today. All petitions for his exemption were fruitless. Thus there is no one to work. A sorry plight. We shall soon see what we are coming to. This can only speed up matters to a sad end," reads a letter from Frau Wegener from Reihersdorf to her son in a letter to her husband mueller.

All of these letters betray the gloomy conviction that a very small number of relatives will come back from the front. These letters are replete with reports of one or another relative killed in the east or in Africa.

"Forty men were killed from our village alone," writes Lenk Stockenhuber from Bruckletten to her husband, Obercorporal Friedrich Stockenhuber. "Furthermore, 43 peasants were killed from the village of Reichsmar, 40 from Grossmar, 33 from Lenz, etc. Not a Sunday passes without a death knell."

Maria Zweigert from Diddingen informs her husband Obercorporal

Otto Zweigert "Today we received Otto's letter from Africa. The situation there is going from bad to worse. Oskar Schick and Clara's betrothed Heinrich arrived before Christmas and are already listed among the missing. What trouble everywhere!"

In a letter to her betrothed, non-com Karl Bleimer, Pepl Edelmueller from Grieskirchen writes, "We are greatly worried about Max who is now enroute to Africa. There the top leadership is already at a loss to decide which gap to fill. May evil befall those who are responsible for this war."

HEART-RENDING SCENES

The heartrending scenes in an Austrian village when the hour arrives for relatives to leave for the front are described by Gusty Reisinger in a letter to her husband Josef Reisinger. "Yesterday I saw our son off to the recruiting station. The women behaved like mad. I can't get over the impression made on me by this spectacle. Now I am alone."

Fear for the fate of their relatives on the front frequently induces these women to give advice, as for example in the following letters.

"That is nothing happens to you—that is the main thing. The rest is unimportant. Shirk wherever possible," reads a letter from Hermine Zaisel from Altmann to her son, Corporal Richard Zaisel.

"Don't hurry to heal your wounds until you are sent into the deep rear," recommends Luise Kandlbinder from Goettendorf to her son Corporal Leopold Kandlbinder.

An ever-growing number of Austrian women are asking themselves who is to blame for their suffering and worries? Knowing that their letters are censored, they do not dare to express all that they feel. Nevertheless it is frequently easy to read between the lines the secret thoughts of the writers.

Not much time has passed since the Goebbels press war permitted for the first time—for the purpose of intimidation—to announce the executions of Austrian men and women. The steadily growing number of these victims of Himmler has debunked before the world the Nazi legend about "the happiness and welfare of their Austrian brothers" under the swastika-marked knot of the Prussian corporal. The letters from Austrian peasant women to their relatives on the fronts of Hitler's predatory war, which reveal their suffering and protests, supplement this picture.

And at the same time they shed an illuminating light on the "strength" and "unity" of the Nazi rear so much boasted by the Goebbels press.



BLOT PLOTTER DUBINSKY. To destroy the virus of anti-Soviet intrigue and turn the people's scorn on would-be United Nations traitors, 20,000 New Yorkers will jam Madison Square Garden on Sunday, May 23, when Our Order holds its March to Freedom rally. Devoted labor leader, Ben Gold, president of the International Fur and Leather Workers' Union, CIO, will throw the switch in this public blasting of the Dubinsky plotters.

UNSILENCED EUROPE. By their deeds we know them... freedom's sons and daughters in every land scourged by Nazi invaders. They resist, sabotage and slay the "blond beasts." March to Freedom dramatically depicts their suffering, their just hatred and courageous revolt. They cannot speak to us, but their fellow countrymen can and will. For the German people, Kurt Rosenfeld, Minister of Justice in the Weimar Republic, reads an underground appeal. For Fighting France, Pierre Cot, former Minister of Aviation, French Republic, delivers a message. For insurgent Italy, Mary Testa, Italian-American journalist, will speak.

V-GARDEN MOTIF. Madison Square Garden will bloom with people by the thousands. The rafters will ring with their cries to reap the fruits of Allied triumphs in North Africa by mowing down the fascists on the continent without delay. Deadlier than ever "rain from heaven," poured by Tank and British bombers, is a good forerunner of the heat our landing troops will turn on Hitler's "fortress."



WIN-WAR FRATERNITY—that's the Order. The Garden rally is the peak of our victory activities to date. Every lodge, every member, is active. Above is Hon. Stanley Isaacs, New York City Councilman (left), with Simon Schachter, GEB member and President of Lodge 500, just before Councilman Isaacs addressed the lodge members on "Child Care and Juvenile Delinquency." The lodge is embarking on a project to reduce juvenile delinquency to help the war effort.

HOLLYWOOD HASN'T completely cornered the market on talent for the March to Freedom cast of hundreds will astonish and enthral spectators with their song, dance and dramatic skill. They're all workers, too—members of the IWO. Ukrainians, Italians, Jews, Poles, Yugoslavs, Negroes, Puerto Ricans, and others, most of them in gorgeous folk costume, will appear.

ACTOR AT MIKE. Narrating the sequence of the mass pageant is Howard Da Silva, currently prominent in the Broadway musical "Oklahoma," and seen at your favorite movie house in the anti-Nazi films "Keeper of the Flame," "Moon Is Down" and "Tonight We Raid Calais."

CAUSE TO CELEBRATE is the personal appearance of Mother Bloor, first lady of the labor movement, who'll be greeted by IWO Lodge 572 tonight at 8 P. M. "From border unto border" the people know, love and follow veteran organizer, Mother Bloor. Meet "Mother" tonight at 220 W. 80th St., N. Y.

FIGHTING MOTHERS of fighting sons will be honored at a special point in the March to Freedom pageant. Many of these women have boys who are now in action, anxious to mop up the hated enemy. A Garden box has been designated for these war mothers of all national groups from Jewish to Yugoslav.

"E" WORKERS, TOO, will have the spotlights played on them and rise to receive the plaudits of the audience. Unionists and fraternalists, they've geared production power to the mighty needs of the war and will keep it upping as the conflict grows to its fierce denouement.

NMU MEN OF THE SEA who've basted Nazi torpedoes and kept the life-lines between us and our Allies moving with war traffic, will see the pageant, and get a magnificent original Hugo Gellert silk screen print in four colors, illustrating Vice-President Wallace's "century of the common man" speech, which inspired the March to Freedom.

SOLENN TRIBUTE will be paid to Jewish war heroes who fought, as did their forebears, against despotism and intolerable slavery. The unselfish heroism of men like Meyer Levin will be honored in an opening ceremony.

NORTH AFRICAN naval fighter, Gerald McNutt, conveyed thanks via his brother to the IWO for cigarettes, books and other items for which he and the ship's crew are very grateful. The books were left on board the ship and have become a permanent part of the library. Even the officers commented on your excellent choice. More Gift-a-Month packages will speed to thousands of fighting men as the IWO Servicemen's Welfare Fund is augmented by proceeds of the March to Freedom pageant.

DON'T BE LEFT standing at the gate. Circumvent this sorry fate. Tickets now at all IWO lodges, Workers Bookshop, and at 80 Fifth Ave., 16th floor.

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